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Noah Berger

## A new lease on life

Old library becomes Y Kids' Club

ALBANY — After months of searching out the right location and hundreds of hours of volunteer work, the new Albany Y Kids' Club, YMCA child care center opened its doors at the former library on Solano Avenue this month.

Parents and community members, along with Y staff, put in long hours to renovate the former library into a bright, colorful and open space for children to learn and grow together.

"It's going fantastic. The kids love it and parents love it and with the visibility on Solano Avenue we've gotten new enrollment," said Albany YMCA Executive Director Catherine Jamison.

The crowd of well-wishers,

parents and children who gathered for the center's grand opening celebration last Thursday were testament to the idea that the center is a welcome addition to the area.

Aside from providing care for children, the location is conveniently adjacent to Cornell Elementary School.

"To have it continue as a child care facility is really great for the community and to have it close to Cornell is another plus," said School Board President Alan Riffer at the kick-off celebration.

Breathing new life into the former library included transforming the once-dark reading space with bright blue and white

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Second grader Adrian Connolly (top right) designs a welcome sign for the center's opening celebration (above) while fellow second grader Arleka Page (top left) looks on.

## Residents fed up with 'toilet paper beach'

Greg Hugonin

ALBANY — The phrase "when it rains it pours" has taken on a new meaning for some Portland Avenue residents near the Berkeley-Albany border.

During the past two years, thousands of gallons of raw sewage mixed with rainwater has spewed from manholes and cleanouts along the 1400 block of Portland with heavy rain, flooding the street with waste and leaving what one resident described as a "toilet paper beach" on lawns. Frustrated residents have grown even more so by the fact that, although the problem has been tentatively linked to a broken sewer line which runs

through Albany, no relief has been provided despite two years of complaints.

"I don't care whose poop it is, it's not right," said Susan Adams, a two and a half year resident of the block who, along with six of her neighbors, contacted the Journal about the flooding two weeks ago.

According to Adams, with each heavy rain since 1994, manholes and cleanouts along Portland rise up and flood the street and sidewalk with a mixture of toi-

let paper, untreated human waste and rainwater, resulting in an unpleasant stench and a residue of dried toilet paper on the lawns of her and her neighbors.

**'Every time it rains hard the sewers overflow — it's like clockwork.'**

—PORTLAND AVENUE RESIDENT TOM BELL

"It's a pretty crappy situation," said Tom Bell, who lives two doors down from Adams. "Every time it rains

hard the sewers overflow — it's like clockwork."

Bell said he has contacted Albany's community development

and environmental resources department about the matter both this year and last, with little result. Although cleanup crews have been provided, said Bell, the root problem of the overflows has yet to be addressed. What concerns him most are the possible health risks he and his family face as a result of the spillage. Bell said he has found his children playing in the sewage-flooded street, and that he is worried they might contract hepatitis or other

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## Hope for the future of city funding

Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — City Manager Gary Pokorny brought back potentially good news from city managers conference he attended in San Diego last week.

League of California Cities "to know exactly how the so-called 'Guarino decision' will affect municipal financing in the future and has taken a major step in that direction."

The California Supreme Court's decision potentially means any city taxes enacted after the passage of Prop. 13 in 1978, in El Cerrito, both the utility tax and the property trans-

ferences' utility bills, account for about \$1.8 million of the city's budget.

For weeks, city staff and council members have been considering budget alternatives should those taxes be lost.

There has even been some discussion state-wide as to whether some of the funds received might have to be returned to taxpayers.

The League has now, however, found both Republican and Democratic sponsors for a state senate bill that will "clarify" many of the confusing issues associated with the decision, said Pokorny.

One such clarification, might be that "taxes enacted in good faith... during that period are legal."

(Senators Bob Beverly and Bill Craven are co-sponsoring the bill

with Senator Jack O'Connell.)

While it was thought that such taxes might be subject to public votes; it may be that elections will only be required when a change to the tax is to be made.

Pokorny was unsure whether the property transfer tax will be affected should the legislature pass SB1590; he believes the utility users' tax, however, could well continue without change "because it was adopted in good faith at that time and place."

"It's good news for us," he said. House sponsors have not yet been found for the bill, he said. One subject of discussion at the managers' meeting was the current disorganization of the state's House of Representatives, as new Republican members make house-

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## Preserving the hill: Can city purchase?

By Phyllis Lyon

ALBANY — Measures by voters and the council over the past twenty years have slowed the steady creep of residential development up the sides of Albany Hill. If it comes true, the council's latest dream will assure that the trees atop the city's defining topographic feature will be visible for miles around in perpetuity.

The goal is to buy the remaining 18 privately-owned acres on the hill for preservation as a city park and natural urban forest.

"We need the urban open space. We must prevent this natural resource from getting away. It is non-replaceable and irreplaceable," Councilmember Thelma Rubin said recently.

Current estimates set the cost of the land at \$6.3 million. The city has \$20,000 in reserve at present designated for land purchase. Among preliminary suggestions for filling the funding gap is the issuance of bonds through the Landscape and Lighting District. A \$14 increase in the assessment would be required for each \$1 million in open space acquisition funds.

Placing a bond measure on the ballot for voter approval is also getting council consideration. The bonds, which would require a two-

thirds vote to pass, would increase the tax rate 71.5 cents/\$1,000 valuation. The city also intends to continue seeking government grants to help the acquisition along, but those pickings have become increasingly lean.

Historically the home of a Native American tribelet, Albany Hill has been the site of grazing cattle and gunpowder and dynamite factories which in turn led to the planting of the controversial eucalyptus trees, now regarded as foreign flora.

The first notable effort to hold back free ranging development on the hill was voter approval in 1978 of the Albany Hill Specific Plan limiting the number of units per acre. Voters cut those limits in half in 1994 with passage of Measure K. In the meantime, a proposal to build 37 units between Taft and Jackson was rejected.

Using money realized from a 1970s law suit, the city last year purchased land originally approved for development at the end of Madison Street and has applied for an Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation program grant of \$225,000 to buy another acre of open space near Cerrito Creek.

In 1991 an ad hoc citizens Albany Hill Advisory Committee studied the area and its potential uses.

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## New effort to study South Gate

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Interested citizens will have a chance during the next few months to have input on the city's future. In addition to a series of "Neighbor to Neighbor" meetings the council has set up during February and March to discuss the city's finances, a "community planning process" is being undertaken to examine the possibilities for change in the South Gateway Development Area.

The South Gateway area, which includes El Cerrito Plaza and its environs, has been an area of concern to citizens for several years. Once a thriving shopping center, the Plaza is now characterized in part by both empty storefronts and longstanding small businesses whose future at the center is threatened by the closing of the Emporium.

At one point last year, the council was planning a major marketing

study of the Plaza and its immediate surroundings, to be undertaken jointly (to varying degrees) with two owners of Plaza property, BART and the city of Albany.

The sale of the Emporium was the major blow to that plan. Now a study will again be undertaken. It will cover a somewhat larger geographical area (bordered by Carlson Boulevard, Central Avenue, Richmond Street and the Albany border) and will incorporate a significant amount of public process into its planning portion.

Last week, staff sent out Requests for Qualifications or Proposals (RFQ/P) to over three dozen planners and architects. According to the RFQ/P, the Redevelopment Agency's "overall objective is to involve the community in a planning process that will: (1) develop an understanding of market conditions and development issues; and (2) develop a concept plan for future

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Chester King Vega

## Making way for expansion

Caltrans crews have begun clearing trees and shrubbery from the area around the Buchanan Street Interchange on I-80 to make way for construction of a new interchange and additional lanes to the freeway.



# 'The Albany Way' takes it on the chin

A THICK FOG SITS on our town. The Albany Op, clutching her raincoat to her bosom, strides purposefully down Solano Avenue. A prominent citizen stops her in mid-stride. He captures her with his glittering eye. They huddle in the pale glow of a lamp post whispering.

A thin drizzle wets down our town. The Albany Op, clutching a copy of General Grant's memoirs to her bosom, emerges from the back door of the library. She is accosted by a pal of longstanding. They put their heads together under an umbrella. They talk furtively.

A plaintive whine, allegedly singing, fills the Safeway store. The Albany Op, busy pinching avocados, is hailed by a citizen she should know. They hold up traffic. Other shoppers snarl. They repair to the sidelines. They converse in low and confiding tones.

What is the mystery? What are they saying?

IN THE EBB AND FLOW of Albany history, there have been few, if any, issues relating to the good of the city to capture unanimous citizen approval. Over the years people have stood at the podium and harangued the city council while supporters in the seats stomped approval and the others yelled, "You jerk!" Democracy in action is not a pretty sight.

They say Albany's house is divided nowadays, but with a difference. We may still know each other here, but people who have haggled over the issues in the council chambers no longer get together after the meeting, have a friendly drink and talk it over. Former friends, having given up disagreeing to be disagreeable, no longer play cards on Saturday night. Old chums aren't speaking.

That's what I heard. It's not good. It's not the Albany Way.

THE LEVEL OF DEBATE OVER the cardroom has sunk into the slough of diatribe. If any of the creative writing about it were to be believed, our town is now in the clutches of scoundrels, mountebanks, self-serving villains, liars and clowns. But it's not believable. In the land of Say Anything,

## Letters to the Editor

### School story got it wrong

Editor:

There were a number of errors in Dawn Frasier's article "EC Council to Review Formal School Policy" published on Jan. 16. I would like to take this opportunity to correct them.

It is true that Bright Star Montessori has applied for a Use Permit for 1332 Navellier Street. However, contrary to statements in the article, we have not withdrawn this application, and we expect to have our application heard by the Planning Commission on March 19.

Bright Star Montessori School has indeed been in negotiations with the West Contra Costa County Unified School District for the use of our current site at 7140 Gladys Avenue. We have reached a settlement, but this agreement does not allow us to remain in our current site. Bright Star Montessori School will be moving as soon as we receive all applicable permits and licenses to Mira Vista School at 6397 Hazel Avenue in Richmond View. The Mira Vista site will be a temporary location for Bright Star Montessori School.

We respectfully request that Ms. Frasier and the editors check their facts more carefully next time, especially regarding such an important issue to the community.

Swarna Matz

Director, Bright Star Montessori School

### A simple solution for the circle

Editor:

I was saddened to hear of the seriously injured child near the Colusa Circle in Kensington through the letter of Judith A. Tart in the Berkeley Voice Dec. 21, 1995. I have been aware of the concern for speeding traffic and have spoken to the Kensington Police Chief James Bray.

As a licensed traffic engineer, I understand why the county is reluctant to install stop signs. Stop signs are used, where warranted, to prevent conflicts with other vehicles, but not for only pedestrians. The improper use of any sign only breeds disrespect among motorists and consequently makes all signs less effective.

I agree with Ms. Tart that the island in the center of the Circle is too small to slow traffic appreciably, but why not make it larger? Change its oval shape to a circle. I believe the outside of the Circle is circular, so



By Phyllis Lyon

frothing motormouths rule.

The mystery to plain Albany citizens, who have a life, may be why we are privy to name-calling, personal invective, insults and the like. The times demand it and our town is not behind the curve. That's why.

Nastiness is the currency of what passes for debate as typified in the Republican campaigns in Iowa and New Hampshire. No accusation against the President of the United States or his wife or his child or any political opponent is too low, disgusting or false if it clouds over the facts. As we watch the talkings heads of The Newt and The Alphonse every night on the news, we see slander works.

That's the bad news.

UNDER THE LAMP POST, under the umbrella, in the Safeway, I spread the good news: Flimflam as a diversionary strategy is on the way out in the country and in Albany. It's no longer working. It's a fad on the skids. The People, who are neither mean or stupid, have answered the cry "Wolf!" about as many times as they plan to.

One piece of news this week which led me to deduce that credibility is making a comeback was the imminent demise of Rush Limbaugh, the Monarch of Manure. His ratings have plummeted, his dittoheads defected and they locked the door to his office in the basement of the House Office Building. Surely this is a leading indicator that the country is recovering its good sense.

MY MINI-SURVEY OF opinion in Albany led me to believe that the worst of the cardroom typhoon has passed. Up close and personal, the rhetoric is more breezy, less windy. People seem ready not only to speak, but to talk. That's good. It's the Albany Way.

why not the central island? The island may very well have been built as a circle and modified later to allow traffic to move faster.

A properly designed central island will slow all traffic to about 20 miles per hour. Then yield signs should be placed at both Colusa entries and Colusa traffic would yield the right-of-way to any conflicting traffic in the circle.

If these things are done, Colusa Circle will become a roundabout. A what? A roundabout. Roundabouts are properly engineered traffic circles that are extremely safe when compared to other types of intersections. They have been perfected by the British and are proliferating in many parts of the world; but their introduction is oh-so-slow in the United States.

As an aside, have you ever wondered about that quaint-sounding business on the Circle, the Kensington Circus Pub? Well wonder no more. In Britain the name "circus" is applied to many roundabouts. (Piccadilly Circus is a famous roundabout.) So at least one adjacent business has viewed this intersection as a roundabout for quite some time.

Back to the slow progress in this country. While we have quite a few traffic circles, particularly in the East, there are only about fifteen genuine roundabouts. Two are in California: Santa Barbara and Long Beach.

Much closer to home, I commend the city of Berkeley for their recent modifications to The Circle. The placement of yield signs at the eastbound Marin Avenue and Arlington Avenue entries has caused all entering traffic to uniformly yield to circulating traffic.

In conclusion, a well designed roundabout at the Colusa Circle would greatly enhance safety while causing little delay to motorists.

John Burnside

### The price of gambling

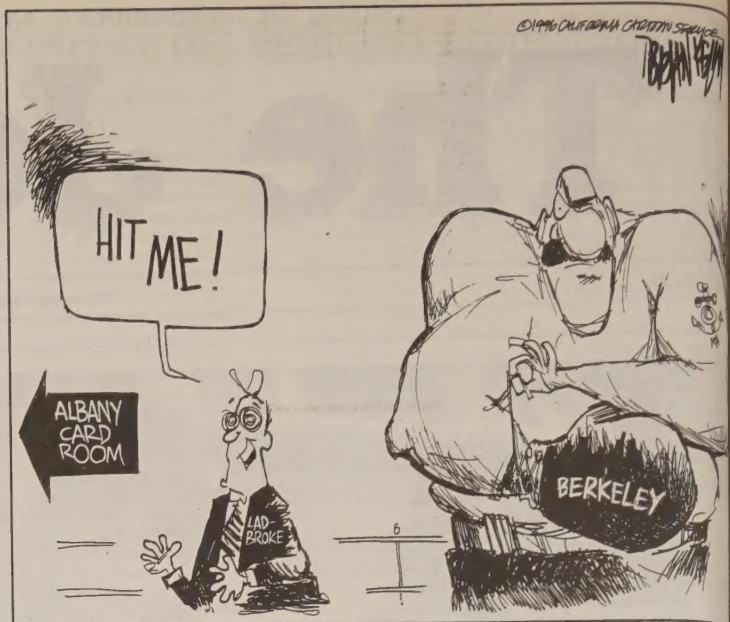
Editor:

Two innocent men were murdered in San Francisco Friday, Feb. 2. One left behind a wife and child, the other, a wife and three children. They were murdered

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### Correction

Due to a typesetting error, the letter "Misplaced concerns" in last week's edition incorrectly identified the letter's author. Dave Greer wrote the letter.



## Police Reports

# Albany police seeking juvenile who attempted to steal bicycles from two youth last week

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — On the afternoon of Feb. 17 two Berkeley boys, ages 11 and 12, were riding their bikes on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue when they were approached by another boy who grabbed the 12 year old by his shirt and demanded his bike. The Berkeley boy refused and was able to escape. The attacker then demanded that the 11 year old boy give up his bike. This boy was also able to escape. The boys contacted an adult who called Albany police. The attacker was described as a black male, about 13 years old, 5-foot tall, weighing 140 pounds, wearing a green fatigue jacket with a shaved head. Police are investigating.

An Albany man was contacted by officers when he was observed sleeping on the corner of Kains and Solano avenues at about 12:30 a.m. on Feb. 12. He was found to be intoxicated and unable to care for himself. He was arrested and held to be released when sober.

On the morning of Feb. 13 a resident of the 900 block of Ordway Street reported that at about 1 a.m. that morning he had been awakened by a noise in his front yard and saw a person walking by. When he got up later that morning he discovered his child's small climbing structure had been stolen from his front yard.

On the night of Feb. 13 Albany

officers located a car at Golden Gate Fields which had been reported as stolen from San Pablo. They checked the area and located the driver of the car. Drug paraphernalia was found in the car. The suspect was arrested and transported to Berkeley jail to be held for court. The owner of the car was notified.

At about 2:30 a.m. thieves broke into a 1994 Honda parked on the 1000 block of Pomona Avenue by smashing the left rear window. They stole the in-dash stereo and fled. The resident heard the noise, investigated and observed the subjects running north. The suspect dropped the stereo while fleeing and it was returned to the owner.

At about 3 a.m. on Feb. 16 a woman on the 800 block of Stannage Avenue awakened to find a prowler standing over her who had entered her house through an unlocked back door. She was able to escape to a neighbor's house and the suspect fled.

On the afternoon of Feb. 16 vandals broke into a residence on the 1400 block of Washington Avenue, performed a messy prowling and departed unseen. It was unknown at the time of the report if anything was missing because of the extent of the mess left by the prowlers.

On the afternoon of Feb. 12 a Berkeley man locked his "trek 9000" 21-speed black and orange mountain bike to a children's mechanical ride outside the Safeway

store using a cable and lock. He returned for the bike he had gone.

Between 4 p.m. on Feb. 11:30 a.m. on Feb. 12 vandals stole a smoker/grill from the front porch of a residence on the block of Dartmouth Street. There were no witnesses.

On the morning of Feb. 13 thieves stole a smoker/grill from the front porch of a residence on the 1600 block of Sonoma Street. There were no witnesses.

An Albany man reported between 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. on Feb. 13 his red 1984 Corolla was stolen from Colusa Avenue. There were no witnesses.

On the night of Feb. 13 Martinez man reported that stolen various items from a locked car while it was parked on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue. There were no witnesses.

During the same time thieves also broke the rear of a car belonging to an Albany man which was parked in the lot. They stole money and fled unseen. Evidence collected and police are investigating.

On the afternoon of Feb. 13 Albany police received a report from San Francisco police that a 1981 Toyota van had been reported stolen from Albany man. It was not damaged.

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# Teenage girls suspected in purse snatch

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Two juvenile females approached a Richmond woman standing on the sidewalk at Schmidt Lane and San Pablo Avenue at 5:55 p.m. Feb. 4. One reportedly distracted her, the other grabbed her purse. The suspects are described as young black women between 16 and 18 years of age. One was about 5-feet, 8-inches tall, weighing about 170 pounds and wearing a black jacket. The second was about 5-feet, 6-inches tall, 120 pounds, wearing a blue jacket, blue T-shirt and blue jeans.

Der Wienerschnitzel was robbed by a white male suspect between 35 and 40 years of age, about 6-feet, 1-inch or 6-feet, 2-inches tall, weighing about 160 pounds. He displayed a blue steel revolver while demanding cash, then fled on foot. The suspect was wearing a tan hooded sweatshirt, a faded blue denim jacket, bleached white jeans and sunglasses.

An El Cerrito man was arrested for battery in a San Pablo Avenue parking lot at 12:01 a.m. Feb. 10; he is accused of hitting a Kensington man. A Richmond man was arrested for battery in an apartment in the 5300 block of School Street after allegedly hitting his victim following an argument. That arrest was made on the evening of Feb. 13. That afternoon, he had been arrested following an altercation with another person.

Two men used bodily force to gain entry to a residence through a

garage door but were spotted by a neighbor and fled. The incident occurred in the 1400 block of Norvell Street Feb. 15 at about 12:20 p.m.

An art display booth was taken from a garage in the 500 block of Lexington Avenue during the night of Jan. 29. Entry had been forced into the garage.

Miscellaneous items were taken from a garage in the 6800 block of Stockton Street between October and January.

Assemblywoman Barbara Lee's campaign office was burglarized Feb. 10 between 5:25 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. A fax machine was taken; a suspect was seen.

A Richmond juvenile female was taken into custody at California Check Cashing at 4:15 p.m. Feb. 7, after attempting to cash a stolen money order.

Ten arrests were made for driving under the influence: a Richmond man at Potrero Avenue and South 56th Street (Feb. 8, 2:45 a.m.), an Albany man at San Pablo Avenue and Stockton Street (Feb. 10, 12:56 a.m.), an El Cerrito man at Potrero Avenue and Liberty Street (Feb. 10, 2:15 a.m.), a San Pablo man at San Pablo Avenue and Wall Street (Feb. 10, 3:05 a.m.), a Berkeley man at San Pablo Avenue and Wenk Street (Feb. 10, 3:45 a.m.).

A Richmond man at Central Avenue and San Joaquin Street (Feb. 10, 3:50 a.m.), a Berkeley man at San Pablo and Central avenues (Feb. 5, 1:18 a.m.), a Sacramento man at San Pablo Avenue between Cypress and Blake streets (Feb. 12, 11:45 p.m.), an Oakland

man at San Pablo Avenue and Central Avenue (Feb. 11, 2:20 a.m.) and a Richmond man at Boulevard and Santa Clara (Feb. 14, 12:25 a.m.).

An El Cerrito man was arrested for possession of a phedamines during booking a.m. Feb. 10.

Someone shot a steeling through a bedroom window in the 8100 block of Terrace Feb. 10 or Feb. 11.

Someone threw a brick through a glass window in the 8500 block of Buckingham at about 2:30 a.m. Feb. 10.

A residential window was broken in the 7800 block of Reka Street at about 11 p.m. Feb. 16.

A Walnut Creek man was arrested at San Pablo and Central avenues at about 1:55 a.m. Feb. 15. The vehicle he was driving was reported to be carrying a Walnut Creek.

Auto burglaries were reported in the 900 block of Elm during the night of Feb. 10 (face plate taken), the 0-10 of Carmel Avenue during the morning hours of Feb. 10 (stereo), the 200 block of Street between Feb. 9 (indash stereo and speakers) 0-100 block of San Pablo between Feb. 9 and 10 (stereo), the 1300 block of Court during the daytime (stereo), the 6500 block Fairmount Avenue on the noon of Feb. 12 (cellular

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## Newsline

### Birthday bash

ALBANY — The Albany Library and Community Center will be celebrating a two year birthday all day on Feb. 24. The Albany Arts Cafe will have its grand opening on the same day.

Join Albany city officials in a cake and ribbon cutting ceremony at 1 p.m. in the Community Center lobby.

The Department of Recreation and Community Services will be holding an open house of all community center classes in the Community Room from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Instructors will be on hand to describe their offerings in the spring class schedule. Demonstrations of self-defense, ballroom dance, and arts and crafts will also be featured.

At 2:00, the Friends of the Albany Library will present local storyteller Linda Zittel, who will perform a puppet show for families in the Edith Stone Room.

For the celebration the Arts Cafe will provide free soup while the supply lasts.

The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Albany Library, the City of Albany, and the Arts Cafe. For more information call the Library at 526-3720 or the Community Center at 524-9283.

### City saves money

EL CERRITO — A division of this year's storm drain renovation program into three separate bid packages has resulted in a projected cost that is substantially lower than the engineer's estimate.

The program was bid as a single project last year and exceeded the estimate by about \$250,000.

With the restructuring, the total bid is \$1,980,955, lower than the engineer's bid by about \$180,000. (Work by the city's contract engineers to make the modifications to the contract documents did carry its own cost, about \$65,000.)

—Dawn Frasier

### Home loans offered

WEST COUNTY — Contra Costa County Neighborhood Preservation Program has available to residents an owner-occupied housing rehabilitation program.

The program is federally funded through the Housing and Urban Development for homeowners of low- and moderate-income status and provides low-interest or zero interest loans for repairs that could not otherwise be afforded.

Call 646-2337 for information.

# Students use 'ice cream' to learn math

Cornell School Family Math night inspires fun for students and parents

By Dawn Frasier

ALBANY — First-graders Sarah Chang and Tracie Lorenzo spent a good part of one Thursday evening two weeks ago making double-dip ice cream cones.

There were no problems with dripping and melting, though; the cones were cut from construction paper, as were the "chocolate, strawberry, vanilla, mint and pineapple" scoops the girls had to fill them with.

It wasn't a homework assignment.

The girls returned to school that evening with their parents and nearly 160 other students and family members to participate in Cornell's own version of Family Math night.

The first graders were looking for all the different combinations possible when five flavors of ice cream are available. It's a pretty sophisticated task for six-year-olds, but "the project was structured very carefully so the children could do it step by step," said teacher Drew Kravin, who led the exercise that evening.

"The specific task was a prob-

ability task, though it doesn't look like it on the surface," he said. "The kids figure out all the combinations you can have when there's one flavor, when there's two flavors.... It gets a little more complicated with each step, but the way we set it up, we didn't have to repeat any of the combinations made."

Structuring the task to help children do maximum learning with minimum stress is a high priority for Cornell teachers, according to Kravin.

"We talked a lot about how to structure it so kindergartners and first graders could focus on the concept of probability and combinations," he said. "It was all done very systematically from the point of view of the teacher."

Each task is designed to fit a three-fold approach used at Cornell and throughout the district, he said.

"We try to strike a balance between basic skills, conceptual understanding and problem solving. These are the ideas we constantly carry around in our heads while we're developing our lesson plans."

"We want kids to practice basic skills often. In this project, for example, I suggested they count the cones by twos; that's a basic skill. At the same time, they were able to concentrate on the probability concept; in this particular case, there was a little less emphasis on problem solving, though for Kindergarten and 1st graders, problems will always be simpler."

The ultimate goal is the same for little children as older students: "When people are faced with non-routine, new situations, can they use what they've previously learned? Can they solve the problem, make connections?"

Family Math was designed by the Lawrence Hall of Science as a



Sarah Chang and Tracie Lorenzo did some creative math calculations at Cornell School's Family Math night Feb. 8, ably assisted by family members Bong Lorenzo, Pao and Jojo Chang.

way of introducing family members to new approaches to math. The program has become popular all over the U.S. and in other countries. Albany is among those districts that have adapted it to new uses.

"We wanted to focus parents' attention on the fact that we're not just doing a series of math activities, jumping from one to the other," he said. "We're carefully thinking through the balance. We want children to have an opportunity to delve more deeply into the mathematical content, to give them many opportunities, not just to practice their basic math skills but to reason, to figure things out and connect their own understanding to the problems we've set for them."

That planning took cooperation among the teachers.

Kravin actually teaches fourth grade at Cornell; he taught younger children at Vista and has been in the Albany school system for 10 years. Crossing over to first

grade fits in with the cooperative system at the school, he said.

"At Cornell, all the teacher work together," he said. "We meet in grade levels, across grade levels; we're always interested in sharing ideas. In a whole school sense, we're always popping in and out of each other's classrooms working together."

Together, the teachers wanted parents to "experience the depth of mathematics, to see what we're trying to accomplish in the classroom," he said. "That's a very genuine feeling among the teachers. All of us at Cornell think carefully about what's happening in the classroom."

"We wanted this evening for parents so they could see more of the depth of opportunities we're trying to present to their children, opportunities to think and to reason.... We're not just having children jump through a series of activities; that's not what math's about."

## New bank handling improvement loans

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Mechanics Bank will succeed Bank of America as the participating bank in the Redevelopment Agency's Storefront Improvement Program.

The bank will provide commercial improvement loans for commercial improvements to qualified borrowers, according to its normal lending standards. Those denied a loan may choose to apply for the agency's rebate program. Under those guidelines, 25 percent of the total eligible costs may be reimbursed.

While a total rebate will not exceed \$5,000 for an individual business making improvements, it will pay to work together. When two or more businesses are to be renovated within the

same block, the maximum rebate will increase for each.

Almost all commercial establishments within the city of El Cerrito's redevelopment project area are eligible to participate within the program. Project areas have been so designated because they met state standards for "blight" and are in need of upgrading.

The improvements program was implemented in 1985. Guidelines for the program have remained in effect since then, though lack of funding has made it inactive.

The original guidelines contained procedures by which the agency would provide financial assistance to a property or business owner for eligible improvements to a building facade, either in the form of a rebate or by participation in a bank loan. An

assistance agreement with the Bank of America expired in 1989.

After reviewing the guidelines, the Mechanics Bank has indicated its willingness to serve as a lender in the program.

Redevelopment tax increment revenues can be used for certain storefront improvements under state law; the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency's current budget allocates \$5,000 to the program.

The agency's budget strategy for FY 1996/97 includes \$10,000 for the program; that amount may only cover one or two projects, according to community development manager Gerry Raycraft.

Staff recommends that funding be increased as tax increment revenues increase as expected over the next three years.

## Taxes

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keeping changes, including firing and hiring staff. Added to the pre-occupation of many senators and congress persons with campaigning for the new March primaries, action on the bill might not be immediate, Pokorny said.

City governments will, of course, be anxious for the news, as they plan budgets for fiscal year 1996-97.

Even if taxes remain intact in El Cerrito, "I think we'll still want to look at our finances," Pokorny said.

In order to do that with more community input, the city council has established a new process, reminiscent of Project Listen, which will begin with a series of neighborhood meetings. Information will be shared, questions answered and public input received. Four meetings are sched-

uled:  
Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Arlington Clubhouse, 1120 Arlington Blvd.;  
Thursday, Feb. 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the Canyon Trail Clubhouse, 6757 Gatto;  
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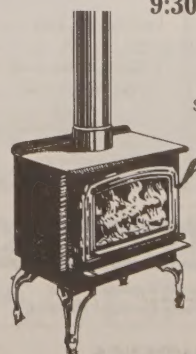
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*I must go down to the sea again, to the lonely sea and  
The sky,  
And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by...*

**A**nd so, as every school boy used to know, John Masefield began the description of his powerful attraction to the sea in his poem, *Sea Fever*.

The world has changed much since 1878 when this poem was written and tall ships still spread their clouds of canvas to the winds, but many are still drawn back to the sea again and again as if by ineluctable inner tides.

Some sail boats, but even more who have neither a tall ship nor a small ship, simply come to the edge of the water to watch and to dream. You will find them every day ringing the Berkeley Marina and spread out south along the shore.

Perhaps the most colorful and intriguing of all the characters to be encountered here is Mamad, the model builder, who sometimes takes his stand on West Frontage Road near the Ashby Avenue overpass.

You will not mistake Mamad when you see him. A compact man often wearing a tweed sport jacket and turtle neck, he stands behind several models of square rigged sailing ships set on low tables.

A passerby who stops to investigate will find himself quickly involved in the history of the real ships represented by the beautifully carved and detailed models. They are usually famous ships like Columbus's *Santa Maria*, *H.M.S. Victory*, which bore Lord Nelson to victory and death at Trafalgar in 1805, and *La Belle Poule*, which carried Napoleon's ashes back to France from St. Helena in 1824.

Mamad the model builder — who like Sinbad the Sailor makes do with one name — is of course talking for a purpose: his ships are for sale. But this subject does not come up unless the person viewing them raises it.

And there are other reasons this master modeler sometimes chooses to brave the chill winds of the bay:

"This is the place I love," he says, his ordinarily composed face brightening as if touched by a sudden slant of winter sun. "It is the place of my heart. With all its unconventionality, it is my coastal gallery, the place I feel most free. I like the openness of the bay and the way people stop and chat, kids ask questions. And if a good man comes who wants a ship, you will know."

Perhaps surprisingly, Mamad says that "good men" — and women too — indeed come and purchase his creations. "I was out too late this Christmas and did not get there last year," he says, "but a couple of years ago I sold four ships here."

Mamad's ships range from about two-and-a-half- to three-and-a-half-feet long and are mostly built to a one-sixty-fourth inch scale. They are planked with teak wood over a pine core and usually given a natural wood finish which does not distract from the beauty of the lines or the detail work. The sails are sewn from cotton and colored by soaking in tea.

Plans are acquired from a variety of sources, including maritime museums. "The challenge is to impart a personality to the ship while staying technically close to the text," Mamad says. It is this challenge, which if successfully met, lifts the ship from the level of a mere reproduction into a work of art and makes it desirable to the discriminating buyers of such works.

A piece takes an average about 400 hours or several months to build, Mamad says. He has friends who assist him carving such things as the miniature cannon, blocks, etc. in his Berkeley and Clear Lake workshops. Ships which he has built before are easier to build again and go more quickly. A completed ship sells for from \$1,600 to \$2,300.

As much as Mamad loves his year round "coastal showroom" — no ship is ever sold without an eloquent account of its historical context and significance — it is not his primary display room.

That is the Berkeley Design Center at 3195 Adeline St. in Berkeley. Mamad has been exhibiting his works here for about seven years. Collectors and others interested in acquiring a ship already made, or commissioning the building of a vintage sailing vessel, arrange appointments with Mamad here through the center's president, Sinan Sabuncuoglu.

Mamad's ships have also been exhibited at The Hyatt Hotel on Union Square in San Francisco and various department store windows, including Nordstrom's in San Francisco. He says he recently sold Paramount Studios a model of the 1800 French warship *La Toulonaise* for use in *The Relic*, now

filming. Mamad visited the set where his ship is scheduled to appear in the entrance to a museum. If it does, his name will appear in the credits.

"I have also sold models of the *H.M.S. Victory* and the tea clipper *Cutty Sark* to Warner Brothers studio, and several others to prop studios," he said. He has expectations the *Cutty Sark* also will appear in a movie soon but does not know which one. "They have treated me very well in Hollywood," Mamad says.

Mamad was born 48 years ago on Isle Maurice, a former French colony near Madagascar. Fascinated with the sea surrounding him as a boy, he traveled many years and lived in France, Switzerland and as far east as Thailand. Along the way he worked at odd jobs and learned Spanish, Portuguese and English. He speaks the last with precision and a slight French accent.

The self-educated modeler also acquired an impressive knowledge of literature, history, and poetry. Lines of poetry flash like flying fish in the flow of his discourse. And should a listener show interest, whole poems, some by famous authors, others of his own, surface and sport there like dolphins.

Mamad learned the art of model building from master modeler Jose Ramer, his countryman and sometimes traveling companion, and now works at it full time. Aside from European sailing ships, he has built models of Arab xebecs, dhows, and Chinese junks.

"I am always looking for more and more primitive vessels," he says. "It is fascinating when one turns back the pages of history to find how small sailing ships were and how colossal the efforts were to cross the seas. There is the mystery of why people would embark on certain journeys knowing full well how perilous they could be."

So Mamad stands by the water contemplating what he considers "the even deeper mystery of what links man and the sea." If a "good man" or woman comes to buy the history and adventure encapsulated in his works, he is of course pleased.

"But if somebody just wants to come and look at a ship and enjoy a chat, I'm very happy with that too," he says. And a chat with Mamad, like an adventure with the sea itself, is something not quickly forgotten.



Mamad and one of his ships in his open-air 'showroom' near the Frontage Rd.

STORY BY DAVE G...

## TIPS FOR THE TAXPAYER

### Your Withholding and the Bottom Line

By Irene Lawrence, CFP, EA

Most of us love to get a refund when we do our taxes. But getting

a refund depends on two things: the total amount of tax we owe, and the amount of tax we prepay. People write whole books about

how to reduce the total tax we owe, so I will leave that to you and your tax professional.

To some extent, however, we can manipulate the amount of tax we prepay.

You are probably aware that our tax system takes a pay-as-you-go approach. If you are an employee, your employer takes some out of every paycheck.

If you have other sorts of income — your own business, or investment income, for example — you are responsible for making estimated tax payments.

In either case, if you don't prepay enough, you may have to pay a penalty, the "Underpayment Penalty," currently calculated at 9% of the amount you were short.

How much is enough? If you get a refund, you're usually all right, or if the balance due check that you have to write is no more than \$500, or 10% or your total tax, whichever is greater. (\$100 or 20%, for California)

But you won't know this until you do your taxes, and by then it's a little late to prepay anything.

So there is another way to be safe. Usually, you show that you

made a good faith effort and therefore deserve to be excused any penalty if you prepay as much as you owed the preceding year. (The exception is that if your income is over \$150,000, you must prepay 110% of your last year's taxes.)

For example, if your total tax for 1994 was \$6000 and your employer withheld \$6000 in 1995, you are safe from the penalty, even if your 1995 tax turns out to be \$10,000.

Of course, you still have to pay the other \$4000 by April 15th, but there's no penalty. It's a good

idea to discuss with situation with your tax preparer, CPA, or enrolled agent when you do your taxes.

Your professional can usually help you set up your withholding or estimated payments to avoid a penalty, and, if your situation is stable, come close to the amount of refund or payment that you would like to end up with.

Be sure to also discuss with your tax professional any major financial move you are thinking about during the year, so they can help you understand the tax consequences of your action and avoid unpleasant surprises next April 15th.

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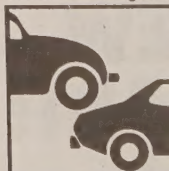
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## Albany PTA Council News

By Peggy Thow

### Fitting technology into the classroom

Wires and modems and software, oh my! Albany is full of technology professionals, people who see every day the benefits and challenges of computer-assisted living. Many of them have children in Albany schools.

A growing number of parents are asking about the district's approach to technology education. However, the district hasn't yet established any particular approach to teaching children about computers. Instead, the matter seems to be decided at each school site.

Local influences, such as room space, PTA funding, parent and teacher volunteerism, and principal's interest, determine how hardware sits.

At PTA meetings, everyone seems to agree on one thing — computer hardware and software are expensive, short-lived and controversial. (Do we buy Macs or PCs? How much software do we need? Where do we put all this stuff? How do we catalog it and make sure it doesn't get stolen? Who's going to fix it when it breaks?)

As high-tech babysitters go, the computer is probably superior to

daytime television, but we don't send our kids to school for babysitting.

Teaching computer proficiency in high school makes a lot more sense to me.

But even there I wonder if the district will ever have enough money to purchase, let alone maintain, machines that won't look antiquated to the entering class of students each year.

If there's a promising direction in all of this concern it's that we live in an area rich in high-tech expertise.

The district will need to look to its parents and to nearby companies for help and advice in creating usable computer education.

I know that many parents see computer education as a primary requisite for every level of schooling.

Those who do should consider attending next Monday's PTA Council meeting at Albany Middle School.

PTA Council has been hoping since September to put together a technology study committee, which will compile information about the

education and hardware available to Albany students and make recommendations about any future technology projects.

We're short on people to make up such a committee, however.

#### Meetings this week:

**PTA Council meets Monday,** Feb. 26, at 7:30 p.m. at Albany Middle School. We will be hosting the Berkeley PTA Council and exchanging ideas with them about how to effect positive change, despite chronic school budget problems. We also plan to organize a new technology committee.

**Albany Board of Education** meets Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 7:30 p.m. at Cornell in the Multi-Use Room.

**Albany Middle School PTA** is holding a special meeting on Thursday, Feb. 29, at 7:30 p.m. in the AMS library. AMS teacher and KidPower instructor Erika Holmes will speak about child safety. Parents of middle school students are encouraged to attend and learn/discuss ways to help children develop safety skills to protect them against abuse, abduction and assault.



### Graffiti Busters in action

Members of the Albany Graffiti Busters went into action last week scouring town in an effort to remove the unsightly markings on buildings, mailboxes, utility boxes and elsewhere. Mark Frieber (left) Mike Goldman (right) and Matthew Rinaldi concentrated their efforts at Memorial Park as part of their monthly graffiti busing work parties. The Albany Graffiti Busters is a volunteer group of residents, which, aside from regular cleanup parties, also writes letters encouraging area businesses to remove graffiti from their properties and also provides homeowners with removal techniques. For more information on the Albany Graffiti Busters call 536-4903.

ous supervisory capacities in Contra Costa County, including the OEO directorship, which he held from 1965 to 1970.

Following his OEO work, Brusatori returned to the Social Service Department and was named Assistant Director of Social Service in San Pablo in 1973.

He was later assigned to both the Pleasant Hill and Richmond offices. He retired in March 1987 due to heart-related health problems.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Waddington of Lafayette; his former wife, Gloria Brusatori of El Cerrito; his children, Gina Brusatori Johnson and Brian Brusatori, both of El Cerrito; and his grandsons, Anthony Brusatori

of El Sobrante and Justin Waddington of Lafayette. He also survived by his brother, Richard Brusatori of Benicia.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 22 (today) at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 11150 San Pablo Ave. in El Cerrito. Internment will be at Sunset View Cemetery, 101 Colusa Ave. in El Cerrito.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Volunteer Services, Contra Costa Social Service Department, 1305 Macdonald Ave., Richmond, 94804 (contact Beverly Ware), or to the Gruppo Lonatese Garden Fund, 41 Bonnie Banks Way, San Rafael, 94901 (contact Mary Ferrario O'Brien).

## Albany ponders newsrack ordinance

By Phyllis Lyon

ALBANY — In a move that may cause dancing in the streets, the City Council Tuesday night directed staff to write up an ordinance for their approval which will regulate "the placement, style, color and maintenance of newspaper racks in the public right-of-way" around town.

The ordinance comes in response to continual complaints from businesses, property owners and pedestrians about the rows of racks, many of them unsightly and untended, that have proliferated on city sidewalks.

An inventory revealed 87 racks on Solano Avenue, 15 of them in front of the Post Office, holding 24 different publications.

Other streets have clusters of three to nine racks.

The proposed ordinance would require a permit to install a rack, set limits on the number of racks allowed in a single location, set the distance between clusters, regulate color, material and maintenance of the racks.

Staff research into how other California cities regulate newspaper racks showed that, of the 24 cities contacted, half have ordinances while the other half make separate agreements with the individual vendors.

It is believed the ordinance route will make the process easier to administer and enforce.

Vendors contacted, however, tend to favor individual agreements. A representative of the San Francisco Newspaper Agency not only opposed an ordinance, but said that its attorneys are prepared to resist this approach, according to the staff report.

## Obituary

### Eugene R. Brusatori

Eugene R. Brusatori, who had a 37-year career with the Contra Costa County Social Service Department, died Sunday in Lafayette after a long illness. He was 69.

Brusatori's work in social welfare included serving as director of the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) in Contra Costa County for five years—one of the longest tenures for the post in the

United States.

He was also one of 10 social workers who were chosen to participate in the Bay Area Social Work Oral History Project in the late 1980s.

A native of El Cerrito and a graduate of Richmond High School, Brusatori served in the Merchant Marine and the U.S. Army during World War II.

He attended the University of San Francisco, UCLA, and UC Berkeley, where he graduated with a degree in sociology in 1949.

Brusatori joined the Contra

Costa County Social Service Department in 1950. In addition to working on general assistance and AFDC cases, he developed a program to refer welfare recipients for jobs in conjunction with the Department of Employment.

In response to the large numbers of World War II and Korean War veterans who required assistance, Brusatori also did field placement work with the Veterans Administration.

After earning his master's degree in social welfare at UC Berkeley in 1963, he worked in vari-

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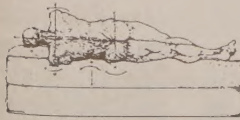
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### Performances

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**Ashkenaz:** Feb. 22, 9 p.m.: Lost Weekend; Feb. 23, 9:30 p.m.: African Rhythm Messengers; Feb. 24, 9:30 p.m.: Jungtz Apart; Feb. 25, 3:30-6:30 p.m.: Bellamira and a later separate show with X-Plicit Players at 8 p.m.: Feb. 27, 9 p.m.: Bayou Pon Pon; Feb. 28, 9 p.m.: Mark Hummel and the Blues Survivors. 1317 San Pablo, Berkeley. 525-5054.

**Audubon Quartet:** Feb. 23, 8 p.m.: Performance of music by Beethoven, Reicha, and von Dohnanyi. This show replaces the Fresh Quartet. Berkeley Community Little Theatre.

**Cal Performances:** Feb. 23-24, 8 p.m.: David Rousseve/REALITY perform dance along gospel singer Lynette Dupree; Feb. 25, 3 p.m.: Dancers & Musicians of Bali. Zellerbach Hall, U.C. Berkeley Campus, Bancroft Ave. at Telegraph, Berkeley. 642-9988.

**Contra Costa Civic Theatre:** Feb. 25, 7 p.m.: A performance of *A Good Lawyer—Honest Abe*. 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. 528-2416.

**East Bay Presents:** Feb. 24, 8 p.m.: Jerry Kuderna and Vera Breheda will perform works including piano four hands. Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley.

**Guitarist Eliot Fisk:** Feb. 25, 4 p.m.: Mr. Fisk returns to the Bay Area for a solo recital at the Florence Schwimley Little Theatre. 451-0775.

**Yoshi's Nitespot:** Through Feb. 24, 8 and 10 p.m.: Mill Jackson Quartet with special guest Bobby Hutcherson; Feb. 26, 8 and 10 p.m.: Rob Blackles Quintet; Feb. 27-Mar. 3: Gonzalo Rubalcaba Quartet. 6030 Claremont Ave., North Oakland. 652-9200.

**Josh Kornbluth:** Feb. 24, 7 and 10 p.m.: The Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center celebrates the return of Josh Kornbluth and his show *Haiku Tunnel and The Mathematics of Change*. 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. 848-0237.

**Jupiter:** Feb. 22, 7 p.m.: That One Guy; Feb. 23, 8:30 p.m.: Dog Slyde with Sydenmikie at 5:30 p.m.; Feb. 24, 8:30 p.m.: Mama's Boys. 2181 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Call THE-ROCK.

**Kensington Symphony Orchestra:** Feb. 25, 7 p.m.: Ron McFarland's *Fanfare* and Mendelssohn's *Symphony No. 3, "Scottish"*. First Unitarian Church, One Lawson Road, Kensington.

**Kimball's East:** Through Feb. 25, 8 and 10 p.m.: Pete Escovedo Orchestra with special guest Sheila E; Feb. 28 through Mar. 3, 8 and 10 p.m.: Freddie Jackson. 5800 Shellmound St., Emeryville. 658-2555.

**Maybeck Recital Hall:** Feb. 25, 4 p.m.: Ali Ryerson, flute, and Weber Drummond, piano, perform originals and Brazilian and jazz standards.

**Made for the English:** Feb. 25, 5 p.m.: MusicSources presents a lecture-performance by Laurette Goldberg entitled *Fait Pour Les Anglais*. 1000 The Alameda, Berkeley. 528-1685.

**Poetry/Literature at La Peña:** Feb. 25, 8 p.m.: Chilean author Diamela Eltit,

known for her criticisms of the dictatorship of General Pinochet; Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m.: Open Mic poetry hosted by Rosemary Quinn with featured reader Swaha Devi. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 849-2568.

**Red Cafe:** Every Tues. night at 8:30 p.m.: Steve Packenham & Friends: 1941 University Ave., Berkeley. 843-8607.

**Starry Plough:** Feb. 22, 9:30 p.m.: Calobo and Jabs; Feb. 23, 9:45 p.m.: Lawsuit; Feb. 24, 9:45 p.m.: Love Props; Feb. 25, 8:30 p.m.: Electric Blues Jam Session; Feb. 26, 9 p.m.: Traditional Irish Music; Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m.: Cabaret Open Mike; Feb. 28, DARTS. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 841-2082.

**Sundays with Seth:** Feb. 25, 1 p.m.: Seth Montfort, pianist, will perform works by Chopin. Giorgi Gallery, 2911 Claremont Ave., Berkeley. 849-4967.

### Religious activities

**Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists:** Feb. 25, 10:30 a.m.: "This I Believe" with member, Bill Balderston. Children's program: for toddlers, childcare; ages 3-12, classes. 1924 Cedar. 441-4824.

**Learning to Love God,** a study group for new Christians or non-Christian seekers, meets at 7 p.m. Sunday evenings at Trinity Evangelical Free Church, 7200 Schmidt Lane, El Cerrito. 524-6820.

**The 5:45:** Evening worship service with contemporary Christian praise music, conversation and refreshment. Every Sunday at First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, 2407 Dana St., Berkeley. 848-6252.

### Events, meetings, classes...

**Intergenerational Justice:** Feb. 22, 7:30 p.m.: The Center for Ethics and Social Policy host a panel discussion the growing conflict between the needs of older adults and children faced with a Medicare and Social Security breakdown. Graduate Theological Union, Richard S. Dinner Board Room, 2400 Ridge Rd., Berkeley. 499-2560.

**Book Sale:** Feb. 24, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Feb. 25, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.: Friends of Berkeley Public Library and King Jr. High PTA will be selling a diverse selection of new and gently used books at modest prices. Cafeteria of King Jr. High, 1781 Rose St., Berkeley. 644-6095.

**City of El Cerrito:** Feb. 24, 10:30 a.m.: Free Tennis Lessons for those who have never played tennis but always wanted to join in the fun...for those who have played and want to play again. Racket and balls will be provided. Tennis shoes must be worn. Cerrito Vista Tennis Courts, Corner of Moeser Lane and Avis, El Cerrito. 451-0825.

**African American Life:** Feb. 26, 7 p.m.: In honor of Black History Month, a slide show/lecture of forty-one photographs from the archives of the Oakland Tribune will be held at Berkeley Public Library's Claremont Branch, 2940 Benvenue. 644-6880.

**Alcoholism Recovery:** Feb. 23, 7:30 p.m.: Discussion of the physiological causes of alcoholic drinking and support during recovery. Relapse Prevention Services, Calvary Presbyterian Church, 1940 Virginia St., Berkeley. 531-3247.

**Basics of Exporting:** Feb. 24, 8:30 a.m.: A course is being offered covering

the business techniques essential to successful exporting, including shipping and documentation, regulation, organization, and trade patterns of other nations. Vista Community College, 2020 Milvia St. between University and Addison. For information call Michael Mills at 841-8860, Ext. 271.

**Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association** hosts talks monthly by noted authorities on the arts and crafts movement in England and Berkeley. Call 841-2242 for tickets and information.

**Berkeley City Club:** Feb. 25, Noon: A tour of the Julia Morgan architectural landmark will be given by docents. This building is listed in the National Registry of Historical Places. 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. 848-7800.

**Black Panthers:** Through May 31. In commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Black Panther Party by Huey P. Newton, an exhibition and catalog on the Black Panther Party is offered. Entitled "The Legacy of the Panthers", 65 photos were selected to capture the true legacy of the Panthers and show the dreams and hopes of young people in the community who were committed to change. La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 849-2568.

**Plants Plants Plants:** Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m.: Niall McCarten will present "Studies on Hesperolonia," charming, rare, annuals. U.C. Botanical Garden.

**It's Your Library:** Feb. 24, 3 p.m., Claremont Branch, and Feb. 27, 8 a.m. at the Central Library, 2090 Kittredge: The Berkeley Public Library is discussing plans for the future. There are currently a host of problems from insufficient seating to not enough computers. Come voice your concerns and join your neighbors in a community meeting to decide the future of this cherished resource. See listings for future meetings at different library locations. 644-6095.

**North Berkeley Senior Center:** Feb. 23, 10 a.m.: Hallway Sale followed by a talk entitled "Healthwise For Life." At 1 p.m. there will be a video movie - *No Highway in the Sky*; Feb. 26, 11 a.m.: Telling the Truth About Yourself with Lolli Levine followed by What Are You Ashamed Of? with Betty Goren at 1 p.m. At 1:15 p.m. there will be a Chinese New Year Celebration with a great program and refreshments; Feb. 27, 9-11 a.m.: Blood Pressure check; Feb. 28, 1:15 p.m.: Highlights of the U.C. Class. 1901 Hearst. 644-6107.

**City Commons Club:** Feb. 28, 10 a.m. to Noon: Vinod K. Aggarwal, Professor of Political Science, U.C. Berkeley, will deliver a talk entitled "Economic Cooperation in the Asian Pacific." 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. 444-3816.

**Black Oak Books:** Feb. 25, 7:30 p.m.: Kate Phillips will speak about her new book *White Rabbit*; Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m.: Victor Villaseñor returns to Mexico in *The Wild Steps of Heaven*; Rohan B. Preston will read from the new anthology *Souffires: Young Black Men on Love and Violence*; Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m.: Linda Gray Sexton looks back on her childhood and the influence of her famous mother Anne Sexton in *Searching for Mercy Street: My Journey Back to My Mother, Anne Sexton*. 1491 Shattuck Ave. at

Vine, Berkeley. 486-0698.

**Art-on-Site:** An eight-week slide-lecture and field trip series to museums, galleries and exhibits held Wednesday, 1 to 3 p.m., Through March 27. Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St., 848-0731.

**Center for Psychological Studies:** Feb. 23, Noon: Karen Sager, Ph.D., will lecture on "A Couple in Highly Gendered Chronic Conflict." 1398 Solano Ave., Albany. 524-0291.

**Cody's Books:** Feb. 22, 7:30 p.m.: Clarence Page, Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist for the Chicago Tribune, PBS, and NPR will read from his collection of essays entitled *Showing My Color: Impolite Essays On Race And Identity*; Feb. 25, 1:30 p.m.: Faith Ringgold will read from *My Dream of Martin Luther King*, her latest children's book; Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m.: Sylvia Boorstein reads from *It's Easier Than You Think*; Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m.: Deborah Major explores three generations of African-American family in *An Open Weave*. 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. 845-7852.

**Cut The Right:** Feb. 24, 10 a.m.: East Bay kick-off campaign to stop the tax cut for the rich. Guest speakers include Lenny Goldberg, California Tax Reform Association and Berkeley City Council Member Dona Spring has been invited. McGee Ave. Baptist Church, 1640 Stuart St. at McGee, Berkeley (near Ashby Bart). 893-0934.

**Easy Going Bookstore:** Feb. 22, 7:30 p.m.: Joe Kane will speak about *Savages*; Feb. 25, 7:30 p.m.: Dan Hallinan will give tips and resources for taking the whole family abroad on a reasonable budget. 1385 Shattuck Ave. (at Rose). 843-3533.

**Poetry at Cody's:** Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m.: Matthew Iribarne and Hillary Ilick will read from their respective works *Anything Can Happen* and *Out of Body*. 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. 845-7852.

**Berkeley Hiking Club:** Feb. 25, 8:30 a.m. departure: Mount Tamalpais. Call leader Leslie Preger (415) 665-6038 for details; Feb. 25, 9 a.m. departure: Mini Hike - Walnut Creek Open Space. Call leader Ericka Pillars (943-3095) for details.

**Gala Books:** Feb. 22, 7:30 p.m.: Noin Ni Rinin from Ireland will speak about her music; Feb. 23, 7:30 p.m.: John Welwood with *Love & Awakening: Sacred Path of Intimate Relationship*; Feb. 25, 3:30 p.m.: Linda Glaser & Anca Haniton will talk about their book *Compost: Growing Gardens From Your Garbage*; Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m.: Frances Vaughan with *Shadows of the Sacred: Seeing Through Spiritual Illusions*; Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m.: Barbara Sher with *Live the Life You Love*; Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m.: Richard Moss and *The Second Miracle: Intimacy, Spirituality & Conscious Relationships*. 1400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 548-4172; 848-GAIA.

**PFA:** Feb. 22, 7:30 p.m.: *The Marker Machine*; Feb. 23, 7 p.m.: *Ikiru* with Monihara; Feb. 24, 7 p.m.: *Treasures from the Archive*; Feb. 25, 3:30 p.m.: *Kids of the Round Table with The House by the Sea* at 5:30 p.m. followed by *LN.R.I.* at 7:20 p.m.; Feb. 26, 7 p.m.: *My Crazy Life* with Jean-Pierre Gorin in Person; Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m.: *The Imagined, the long-for, the conquered, and the*

*sublime*; Feb. 28, 3 p.m.: *Bicycle Thief* followed by *Visual Fission: UCB Documentaries* at 7:30 p.m. U.C. Berkeley.

**Family Life Hotline:** Wednesdays on KPFA 94.1 FM: Sponsored by Jewish Family and Children's Services of the East Bay with co-hosts Ruth Frenes, MA, and William French, LCSW of West Oakland Mental Health.

**Jitterbug Club:** Second Saturday of month: The Northern California Lindy **Philately Meeting:** For stamp collectors; first and third Thursdays of the month, 7:30 p.m.; Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. 526-5397 or 655-7827.

**Kids at La Peña:** Feb. 24, 10:30 a.m.: The Plum City Players Nancy Schimmel, Bonnie Lockhart, and Annie Hershey present songs and stories for all ages! 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 849-2568.

**Homework Helper:** Every Wednesday from 3-5 p.m.: Berkeley Public Library's South Branch offers a free Homework Assistance Center for all kids in grades 4-12. 1901 Russell, Berkeley. 644-6860.

**International Socialism:** Feb. 24, 10:30 a.m.: A day-long conference on socialist politics in the 1990s, including an evening panel on the future of the labor movement with labor activists from around the Bay Area. Sponsored by the International Socialist Organization. 101 Moffitt Library, University of California, Berkeley. 654-3741.

**Kensington 55+ Activity Center:** Feb. 22, 11 a.m.: Jackie Hetman gives a slide presentation on Indonesia, Pt. III. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. 526-9146.

**Marquetry Class:** For beginners; every Tuesday 10-noon at the Berkeley Adult School. Open to anyone 50 or older; for more info visit St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave and Garber St., Berkeley.

**Poetry:** Feb. 25, 7:30 p.m.: Word of Mouth Poetry Series at Barnes & Noble presents Melissa Kwasny, Elizabeth Herron, and Luke Trent (accompanied by bass player Michael Shea). 2352 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 644-0861.

**Quilts:** Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m.: Jean Ray Lanry will talk about why we quilt in a talk entitled "Quilts - Parallel Lives." First Unitarian Church, Kensington. 524-2290.

**African-American Book Club:** Meets last Thursday of each month: South Berkeley Branch Library, 1901 Russell, Berkeley. 415-773-9558.

**Twilight Storytime:** Through March 13, Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.: A series of programs for ages 3-6. Albany Library. 526-3720. Free.

**University YWCA:** Feb. 27, Noon: John Quinn, Director, Apprentice Alliance, will deliver a talk on apprenticeships as a way to learn about a

craft or trade. 2600 Bancroft Berkeley. 848-6370.

### Exhibits

**El Cerrito artist Leigh Keller** is exhibiting more than 50 of her multimedia works at the Lakeside Center, 300 Lakeside Drive, land, through March 1. Call 524-6779 for more information.

**New Pieces** presents "Culturalures," an exhibit of quilts by quiltmaker Marie Ali. Show through March 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Saturday and noon to Sunday. 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley. 527-6779.

**Photography:** Through Feb. 25, Satcher exhibits his travel photography at the Berkeley Travel Community Center, 300 Lakeside Drive, Berkeley. 524-6779.

**Japanese artist Keiko Nishimura** "Inner Diary: Installation and Paper Structures" at the Graduate Student Union, 2400 Ridge, Berkeley. Exhibition Feb. 8, 5 to 7 p.m. 649-2600.

**Yung Chung-on:** Through Feb. 25, An exhibition of traditional Chinese painting and brush calligraphy by artist. Institute of Buddhist Studies, 1010 Addison, Berkeley. 848-3440.

**Siporin Cafe Art:** Through Feb. 25, 11 p.m., daily except Sunday. Artist's Homage to S.F./Berkeley Classic Bohemian Caffe. The Med, La Strada's, Smoke Cafe. Carrara's Art Gallery/Cafe Powell Ave., Emeryville. 524-5250.

**Tanna Bellia:** Ongoing show Bellia, local artist, is currently doing some recent pastels dealing with vegetables and other delights. On display from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rendezvous Cafe, Solano Ave., Albany. 524-9283.

### Support groups, self-help

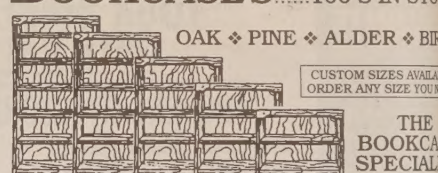
**Alzheimer's** and related disorders Monday Enrichment Program presented by the Claremont Center: music and fellowship; St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. 441-7645.

**Public speaking skills and spirituality** come together at Toastmasters. 2515 Hillegasch, Berkeley. Wednesday, 6:15 p.m. 7645.

**Cancer Support Group:** Every Friday, 9:30 a.m.: Free sessions. Feldman, M.A., M.S., R.N. 849-7645.

**Conscious Connections:** Men, singles who value personal and growth. Second and fourth Saturdays. 6333 Telegraph, Berkeley. 2605.

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## West County School Watch

By Glen Price

### Marcia Hataye named principal of Portola

On her first day as principal of Portola Middle School, Marcia Hataye said her biggest challenge will be, "changing the culture of Portola in the community. I want to let people know about what a strong staff and what great students we have."

In tackling this challenge, Hataye's deep background in local schools and middle level/high education will serve her well. Growing up in the Richmond Annex, she attended El Cerrito High School. At UC Berkeley she majored in Math Teachers and also obtained a teaching credential.

After graduating from Cal, Hataye worked for 15 years at San Crespino Junior High and subsequently held positions at El Cerrito High School, Richmond High School, and Middle College. At the time of her appointment to the principalship at Portola, she was in her fourth year there as vice-principal.

Observers credit Hataye's former principal Gonzales' work as being instrumental in helping the school weather the district's on-going budget problems. Today, Hataye said, she believes "the community schools we are strong academically. I know there are questions about safety." However, she adds, "before people see what we are like. I think they will like what they see."

Not content to wait for the community, Hataye has initiated series of visits to PTA meetings at local elementary schools designed to get out the word about Portola. When she attends these meetings, she brings with her graduates from elementary school who are currently attending Portola. The students and their parents speak from their own experiences about making the transition

from elementary school to Portola Middle School.

When asked about her vision of the future at Portola, Hataye draws on her recent experience participating in the Ad Hoc Study Committee on Middle Schools, convened by the school board last May to make recommendations regarding the district's middle schools. In their presentation to the board on Wednesday, Feb. 14, the task force called for lowering middle school sites to 800 students, restoring the 6th period at all middle schools, locating at least one middle school in central Richmond, and implementing measures to improve parent and community involvement among other far-reaching proposals.

Prior to the school board meeting Hataye said, "I hope the school board adopts these proposed changes — our middle schools need them."

#### Call for parent and community support

On Saturday, Feb. 10 Portola hosted its first Parent Day, a half-day workshop designed to acquaint parents with the school's instructional program.

Speaking at a question and answer session at the event's closing session Hataye pledged, "anything we can do to support parent involvement we will do. I will make myself as accessible as possible and make sure that parents and students know that even though I am becoming principal I will be as accessible as in the past."

Hataye looks forward to a time when more decisions regarding the school's future will be done at the site level. She currently serves on another district committee looking at how to set up site-based management systems and hopes for a future when Portola's site council, a body comprised of parents, faculty, and administration, will have more

authority over basic issues affecting the school.

Hataye says, "School is a joint venture. I never want the school and parents to be in opposite corners. We have to work through any disagreements we might have." Hataye's enthusiasm, and confidence in the future of Portola may well guarantee a future where the disagreements are few and the community's support for the middle school continues to build.

#### PortolaOnline

Hulda Nystrom, Technology Resource Teacher at Portola Middle School, is working hard to make use of the internet an integral part of the academic program at Portola.

Portola will soon join about 300 schools from around the county on a virtual field trip to the continent of Antarctica. Called Blue Ice, the project is part of Portola's M.A.R.E. (Marine Activities, Resources and Education) program where around the world will be explored in all subjects. The eyes and ears of the Blue Ice project are explorers, biologists, geologists, and others who will send weekly email to the school.

Speaking of email, Nystrom invites interested parents and community members to join PortolaOnline, a group email list designed to keep participants up-to-date on what is going on at Portola.

To subscribe, send your email address to: [hulda@CoCo.CA..ROP.EDU](mailto:hulda@CoCo.CA..ROP.EDU). Ms. Nystrom is also seeking donations of computer equipment for her programs. She can use any IBM compatible machine with a 286 or better processor and a hard drive, but she especially needs 486 or pentium-based machines able to support graphical world wide web browsers. If you can



### One hundred ways to make a difference

Marin School third grade student Bethany Woolman makes a woven heart valentine (left) for sick children at Children's Hospital in Oakland as part of the school's annual Hundrathon, celebrating the 100th day of school. Each class completed an educational or community activity celebrating the day. The valentines made by Woolman's class were delivered to the hospital (below) for distribution.



help, email Nystrom or call her at Portola Middle School 524-0405)

#### Meetings to review new boundary proposals

The WCCUSD School Board will hold public study sessions regarding proposed changes in school attendance boundaries. During these meetings staff will present boundary scenarios emerging from the first round of community input on boundaries held in January.

All meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m. on the following dates/locations: Thursday, Feb. 29: John F. Kennedy High School Cafeteria; Tuesday, March 5: El Cerrito High School

Gymnasium; Thursday, March 7: Richmond High School Little Theatre; Tuesday, March 12: De Anza High School Cafeteria; and Thursday, March 14: Pinole Valley High School Gymnasium.

#### School Board accepts middle school recommendations

The district's Ad Hoc Committee on Middle Schools concluded seven months of work by presenting a comprehensive set of recommendations to the school board on Wednesday, Feb. 14. Introducing the committee's findings, Associate Superintendent Anna Blackman said the committee was calling for "a major overhaul of our

current middle schools."

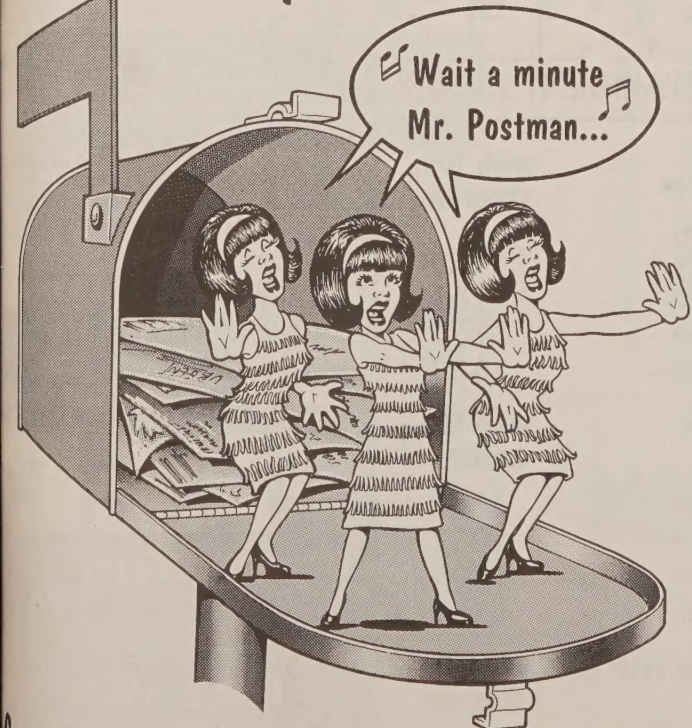
The need for far reaching reform was driven home by a four part presentation which focused on specific findings and recommendations for change and a slide show which highlighted conditions of overcrowding. Responding to the committee, the board voted to "accept" their report, a non-binding action.

Blackman promised to make an additional presentation at the next meeting of the school board regarding the fiscal implications of the committee's proposals. The school board will next meet on Wednesday, March 6 at the Staff Development Center, 2625 Barnard, Richmond at 7:30 p.m.

Please call me at 528-1315 with items for this column or email me at [pakglen@aol.com](mailto:pakglen@aol.com). Information regarding PTA or other school organization meeting dates, and special events open to the public are welcome.

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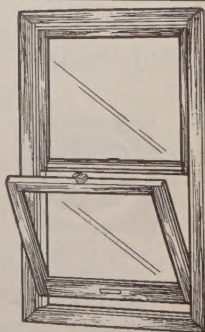
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# Albany resident directs program helping youth get ahead

Roberta Joyner is the director of a little known but very valuable program connected with UC-Berkeley. This is the East Bay Outreach Project, and is part of the Walter A. Haas School of Business at the university.

"Maybe I was just meant to be here," Joyner says. "The more I find out about it, and the more I am able to reach more youth, the more exciting it becomes, not only to offer the programs, but to offer higher-quality programs."

The East Bay Outreach Project is funded by a grant from Milken Institute for Job and Capital Formation, and is part of the University Community Outreach Project. There are two programs currently:

Young Entrepreneurs at Berkeley Program is, says the brochure, "a youth entrepreneurial program for students from the Berkeley, Oakland and Richmond school districts, offering the opportunity to learn about owning and operating a business through classroom instruction and real-life experience."

In a 2-1/2-week summer session the teenagers learn how to design, plan and turn a business idea into reality. "Participants go on various field trips, listen to successful entrepreneurs in the community, and test their business skills at the Berkeley flea market. The YEB program helps aspiring young entrepreneurs develop leadership, personal and business skills."

Then, during the school year, each participant is paired with an MBA graduate student mentor who works with them on business and personal development skills. "In the spring, after attending additional business workshops, each participant is given the chance to present their business plan to the EBOP Venture Capital Board. Successful plans receive funding to start their

businesses."

In addition to this very exciting project, there is also BRIDGES (Building Relationships to Insure the Development of Great Educational Success). Sadly, this is, at present, only for Willard Middle School students. Each Willard student will be matched with an undergraduate Cal student who will be a mentor to him/her.

Joyner agrees that such an important program should be offered to a larger number of schools. They chose Willard school because the students can easily get to the Cal campus for interaction with their mentors.

The mentors help the middle school students in areas of educational attainment, personal development, community service and recreational and cultural awareness.

Joyner describes her job as director: "I am academic coordinator; manage and direct the program; make sure that the student coordinators are well-trained to do the job; meet periodically with the youth and adults in the program to make sure that the program is meeting their needs, and that I don't become removed from the week-to-week program."

A hefty responsibility, it seems to me, and when I said that to her she agreed, and told me she has created an internship this year for a young person actually enrolled in the entrepreneurial program. This young person works with them as an advocate for the other youths in the programs.

And to keep up the dynamic for the youths, she has graduate students working with her, also, because "it is easy to become removed from the youth and their needs." The graduate students, too, help to keep her aware of the students' needs, and helps with the planning of and the execution of the programs.

"I find out from the youth what's working, and find out

## Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



from the mentors what's working, and try to bring them together."

Roberta Joyner, presently an Albany resident, was born and raised in Berkeley. She attended Holy Names High School and studied at San Francisco State University while a single parent.

After graduating, she worked at the university in the graduate division, working directly with the students, for seven years. Then a supervisor advised her to "go out into the world and do lots of things." She did that.

She worked for a national housing organization, setting up and organizing a community advocacy component. In this job she did some travelling, such as Phoenix, Kansas City and Washington, D.C.

She went into the corporate world, working for Sealand Shipping Company, setting up a training program for unemployed youth in Oakland — a first in the private sector. The program won awards, and trained and placed over 500 unemployed youths aged 18-26 in career jobs.

She started doing a lot with computers, and worked for Ross Stores in their headquarters in their women's resources department, setting up diversity hiring programs, and gaining access to government subsidies for hiring disabled and at-risk youth and minorities. Then, continuing to be a consultant with Ross Stores, she set up similar programs in other establishments. She has been in her present position for two years.

Her two children remain in California, her son working in a bank in Los Angeles, and her daughter, who just finished graduate school, working for an educational research firm in Berkeley.

"I've always loved being

around children," Roberta says, "and I love the fact that both of my children give back to the community in their free time."

And she adds, "You hope your children will grow up feeling competent and comfortable with themselves, and you don't care what career they choose. I would like to see them able to continue to feel that they are part of the community and do whatever they can to enhance its health and welfare."

Interestingly, during our interview I discovered that I had written a column about her mother, Adelaide Vawter, some time ago.

As Roberta speaks of her children "giving back to the community," one can see that that has been a guiding principle in her own life. She is enthusiastic about her work and feels enriched by her interaction with the young people.

For anyone who would like to know more about these programs, the East Bay Outreach Project can be reached at the Walter A. Haas School of Business, 545 Student Services Building, #1900, Berkeley 94720-1900, or call 643-0923.

Roberta Joyner is my fairly new next-door neighbor, and it was a delight to find her such an interesting person.

Please continue to give me your suggestions: interesting people, events, etc.

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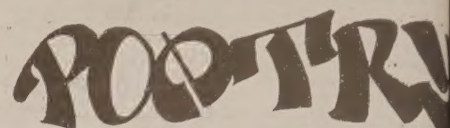
At the El Cerrito Community Center on Sunday, Feb. 25, the wackiness abounds with Zappo the Magician. You'll see disappearing dots and reappearing rabbits, along with Zappo's famous mystery of the Swami from the East.

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For more information, call Buddy Club at 652-SHOW.



Students wrote these poems during workshops with Poet-in-Residence Judith Tannenbaum. This project is funded in part by the California Arts Council, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. Poetry headline created by Alec Scott, MacGregor High School.

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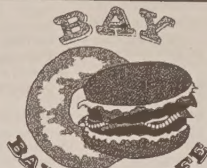
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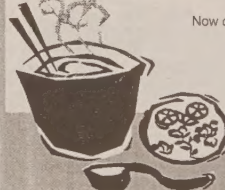
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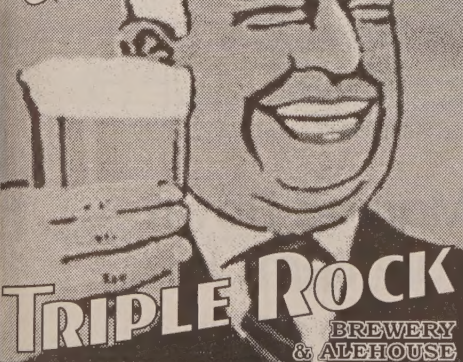
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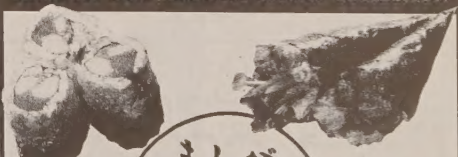
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Multimedia Notes

# Stupid politician tricks

San Leandro comic/KTVU weatherman **Brian Copeland**, on his "Copeland's Corner" commentary on the noon news, thought Dole's MTV appearance recently was hilarious, and so did I. Copeland: "If Bob Dole wants to appear youthful, he'd better pray George Burns gets in the race." Badda-BING. Hey, Brian, I heard that at Dole's last birthday party, his cake was served uncooked — and all the candles baked it! Ba da BING. To him the Avon Lady is Shakespeare's wife. Thank you! But the best age/ageist line came from Letterman's writers: "Because of network equal-time rules, Buchanan can't host 'Crossfire.' And Dole can't host 'Tales From The Crypt.'"

Meanwhile, nationally esteemed political writer **E.J. Dionne** of the Washington Post was here on a book tour the other day, promoting his interesting-looking tome called "They Only LOOK Dead: Why Progressives Will Dominate the Next Political Era." Dionne quoted a funny, classic line by a British politician: "I stand before you as a man of principles. And if you don't like those principles, I have other ones."

Dionne was on KCBS after visiting **Ronn Owens'** show on KGO, where Owens correctly observed that the amount of media attention paid to tiny New Hampshire is ridiculous. Plus, it's a very conservative state. One keeps remembering **Richard Nixon's** political advice: Since primaries tend to bring out the zealots, run as a conservative in the primaries, but campaign in the general election as a moderate. In this respect, anyway, Nixon was right.

(And we haven't even mentioned dreary N.H. dropout

**Phil Gramm**, who provided some of the biggest laughs of all. "Last night's audience was so quiet," Letterman said on one show, "it looked like a Gramm rally in here." Letterman, just after calling Clinton Fat Boy: "His campaign slogan is 'The Best Is Yet to Come.' It should be 'Bill Clinton — He's Back for Seconds!'" )

Dionne takes a realistic, dispassionate view of politics. Dionne told Owens, "The Democrats were just as demagogic in their attacks on the Republicans' Medicare positions as the Republicans were on **Bill Clinton's** national health-care plan. The Republicans weren't advocating cutting Medicare. They were advocating cutting the GROWTH of Medicare, and that's a lot different."

Dionne also related a funny piece of dark humor while on KCBS, a line he said he'd heard often on the campaign trail in New Hampshire: "I know the economy's creating a lot of new jobs — I have three of them."

## MULTIMEDIA NOTES:

Have you seen that clever billboard as you come into San Francisco on the Bay Bridge, the one for John Asquaga's Nugget? "Tony Bennett's Heart May Be in San Francisco," the billboard for an upcoming gig reads, "But His Vocal Cords Are in Reno." ... My favorite February sweeps TV story so far: "Topless Darts!" Courtesy of KPIX's "Extra" the other night. It's about a new late-night Brit TV show where young women bare all while playing the pub game. Speaking of KPIX and naughty bits, it's been a bit hard to miss all the sexy "news" series during sweeps on Channel 5, which is still losing in the news ratings at 10 to KTVU. Said KTVU general manager **Kevin O'Brien** last week, "They're pulling out all the stops with these sex stories. They're using every trick in the book. If they don't beat us now,

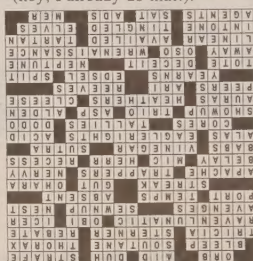
they never will." ...

Word that one of Buchanan's major political supporters in Florida was a member of a white supremacist organization surprised hardly anyone last week. You don't have to be a liberal (and this moderate Republican is not) to realize that the subtext of Buchanan's campaign is racism, homophobia, and anti-semitism. It doesn't seem to have occurred to Buchanan, who's not stupid, that hatred cuts both ways: There are still plenty of people in this country, after all, who dislike, even hate, Catholics. We're not THAT far removed from 1960, when this was a critical issue for **John Kennedy**. A PBS documentary on the Klan noted that the KKK's biggest-ever rally in Indiana — 35,000

strong — was held on the Notre Dame campus in South Bend and was anti-Catholic. Which might help explain why so many Hoosiers in my late mother's family suffered from this disease. I've never quite understood why anyone would hate Catholics (I've never been to Belfast.) I do remember, though, some of my Catholic-hating Indiana relatives mumbling something about the Pope trying to take over the world ... They were wrong, of course, because I KNOW who's trying to take over the world — Disney's **Michael Eisner**, TCI's **John Malone**, and NewsCorp/Fox's **Rupert Murdoch**. You want to worry accumulation of power, worry about THOSE guys. More on them and the dangerous new telecom bill/

broadcaster giveaway here soon.

Finally, downloaded from the Internet, here are a few helpful tips on "How to Be Annoying" while watching TV: 1. Adjust the tint on your TV so all the people are green, insist to others you "like it that way"; 2. Change channels five minutes before the end of each show (hey, I already do that!).



## State tax tips offered

Free tax assistance is just a call or a few keystrokes away for California taxpayers. Taxpayers either phone or access the Internet for help this year.

Answers to the most common asked state tax questions, information about state refunds, and forms for both state and federal available through the FAST phone service.

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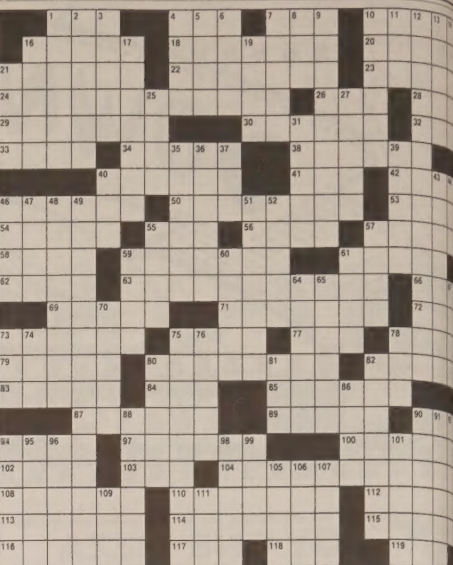
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## New York Times Magazine Puzzle

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BY NORMA STEINBERG / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

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The parents of two youngsters, Ed and Shannon, always looked for a cafe to take the children to where they could read newspapers, and chat over coffee. "We wanted the cafe to be a place where the youngsters could read newspapers, and chat over coffee. We wanted the cafe to be a place where the youngsters could read newspapers, and chat over coffee."

The seating breaks down into three areas. The first, upon entering, is a 50-foot quiet area with tables, chairs, plants and walls that are covered with Solano Stroll art. The main dining room is for parents and play area for children. In the play area, there are tables and chairs designed for youngsters, a drawing table, train set, building blocks, chess and other board

games. The outside patio seating is in the rear of the dining room and is for both children and adults.

Ed and Shannon are truly amazed at the number of grandparents bringing in their young ones; also, the number of local business people and people from the neighborhood.

Patrons enjoy brewed coffees, a wide selection of tea, hot chocolate, juices and sodas. There are homemade cookies, pastries, sandwiches, hot dogs, soups, salads, lasagna, polenta with marinara sauce or pesto, chili and popcorn.

Bright, colorful banners are displayed on the main dining room wall. These feature unusual designs and may be purchased for different holidays. The restaurant will accommodate up to 15 children for birthday parties or other events. They also offer fund-raisers, providing dinners for groups. Groups who have participated in fund-raising at the cafe are Friends of Albany Seniors, Vista/MacGregor PTA and West Coast Children's Center.

## Wait! There's more!

The McManuses have recently taken over the operation of the

Albany Arts Cafe located in the Community Center/Albany Library building at Masonic and Marin avenues. This Saturday will celebrate the cafe's grand opening, to coincide with the two-year anniversary of the opening of the library. Instructors with the community center will be on duty all day for an open house. There will be something for everyone, including Linda Zittle's puppet show.

The cafe has services "to go" only or one may be seated on the community center patio. The cafe has a coffee bar, tea, juices, sodas, Ed's homemade cookies and pastries, fresh fruit, sandwiches and soups.

The twofold purpose of the cafe is to provide additional services to the center, and revenue received from the operation supports Albany's Art Committee and the city's art program.

The cafe is open to the public. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and will be open for special events. Phone 527-1527.

## Bad check writers, beware!

The Albany Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a double-header luncheon Wednesday, March 13, entitled Bad Check Writers, Beware! and The Importance of Promotions in Today's Market Place, at the Magic Garlic Restaurant, 1403 Solano Ave., at noon.

By Fern Luoma

Sales Coordinator for Morrison O'Hara, Lynn Glennon, will speak on "The Importance of Promotions in Today's Market Place," which highlights businesses to potential customers. She will tell of marketing new products, employee incentives and general exposure to the public.

The second program will have Albany's Police Department Lieutenant Ron Patton and Alameda County's Citation Hearing Officer George Edwards, from the District Attorney's office, present the newly adopted county "Bad Check Restitution and Diversion Program." They will inform guests how to recover bad checks, including bank fees. The Bad Check handout booklet will be given to luncheon guests, explaining the free service and how it operates.

Local merchants and the county's District Attorney, Tom Orloff, are working together to get all bad-check writers to pay up or face prosecution.

This new program has been in effect since Jan. 22 for Alameda County.

A personal letter is written to the bad-check writer asking to respond within 15 days. If there is no response, a second letter is sent with a 10-day deadline. The third letter states, "Call now or it will be turned over to the collection agency as it is too late." The check writer will then be prosecuted if the check is not made good. Installments may be

## Never too early to prepare

Jesus Rivera is one of the workers with the East Bay Conservation Corp who has been clearing debris and trimming trees in the El Cerrito hills to reduce fire hazards this summer.



made for large amounts. Bad checks must be dated within six months of issuance.

"Merchants will no longer get the end of the stick," said Captain Harold Bosovich of the district attorney's office. "County supervisors signed a three-year contract with a Fair Oaks collection agency. Other counties have been participating, such as San Francisco, who have been using this system for two years and have a 62 percent recovery."

Luncheon reservations must be made through the Chamber of Commerce, 1108 Solano Ave., by Friday, March 8, 5 p.m.

Phone 525-1771. Cost is \$12.50 each.

Mark your calendar for two great events. The first is the Chamber of Commerce/Golden Gate Fields Mixer, Wednesday, March 20, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at The Turf Club. The second is the next evening, Berkeley's Chamber of Commerce Tradeshow and Mixer at H's Lordships, 199 Seawall Drive, Berkeley, from 5 to 8 p.m. Also, don't forget to get the Citizen of Albany for 1995 nomination paper turned in to the Albany Chamber of Commerce, 1108 Solano Ave., by Feb. 29.

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Perhaps the Bay Area's most famous pedorthist is a world flycasting champion named Chris Korich, owner of the Skier's Edge at 4100 Redwood Road in Oakland. Christ fine tunes his speciality to dealing with downhill ski boots...

period. And Chris is really focused on his subject.

"Maybe 95% of the skiers out there are not experiencing skiing as they should," says Korich. "They are not getting all the potential that is in the

combination of their boots and the ski equipment—boots, skis and bindings. What skiers are trying to do is balance their body over the skis. If their skeletal system—which is a platform for the muscle groups—is not aligned properly, then the muscles have to overwork."

What are some of the symptoms that a skier may have to indicate an alignment problem?

Sitting back is a classic symptom. You can't stay balanced and forward enough to control the skis. Sound familiar? Also, with today's skis you should be able to turn easily. If you can't do that, your skeletal system may take some of the blame.

Some of the other symptoms of bad alignment may be numbness in the feet, burning toes, shin fatigue,

pressure on the outside of the foot, calf and thigh burn, foot loss in the boot and catching edges too easily in the flats.

So what does Korich, the pedorthist, do about all of that to help you ski better?

"Well, generally I will examine the feet and lower leg functions because those are the most important things to consider," says the 36 year Korich who plunged into the world of trying to build a better mousetrap out of bodies that skiers have 22 years ago when he was a kid with bad knees.

"No one has perfect feet and the problem is that our feet are not biomechanically designed for skiing," continues Korich. "So that's what I do—solve the problem of matching a skier's body alignment with the feet and lower legs and making all that work with skis, boots, and bindings."

And he does his job well enough to attract customers from all over the U.S. "I even had a guy come one time from Saudi Arabia," concludes Korich. "Not a lot of ski shops over there, I guess."

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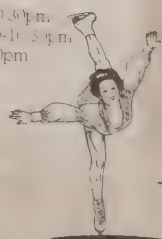
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## Wills ... Fund Trusts

By Jerilyn Feitelberg

Never put off until tomorrow what you can put off until next week—a common approach when considering how and when to protect your estate.

(An estate represents the sum total of all the property you own, real estate, automobiles, cash, furniture, etc.)

Procrastination is natural since it involves coming to terms with one's own mortality.

Among the many areas to be considered are: Wills or forms of trust, what to leave to whom, who will administer the estate and draw up the papers, how to protect assets, avoid probate, find a competent attorney, determine which items will be in whose name and how to protect your property in the event you can no longer care for yourself.

The myriad of information available can be so intimidating that it would, indeed, be far easier to think about it tomorrow.

Clearly, however, the prudent course is to consult a financial planner and legal counsel to determine how best to protect that which you have worked a lifetime to acquire and ensure that your children or other designees receive what you intended for them with as little red tape and as few complications possible.

So where to start? Begin by seeking the best advice possible. This is no time to skip by using a "do it yourself" book.

It would be advantageous, however, to seek out a publication which helps

you to comprehend the maze of legal terminology, clarifies such areas as living trusts, revocable trusts, power of attorney, etc. and offers some fundamental background in setting up an estate plan and the two major estate planning devices—Wills and Trusts.

Arming yourself with some basic knowledge about a subject which most people find confusing at best, will enable you to better communicate with your attorney and make your wishes known.

A CPA well versed in current state and federal tax laws can assist you in preparing a statement defining your net worth.

Gather your tax returns, bank account numbers, real estate documents, safety deposit box locations, stock, mortgages and other investment information pertinent to your estate.

It is important to think about the title in which your property is held and any beneficiary designations on insurance policies.

The beneficiaries you named in the distant past may not be the same you would select today.

For instance, if your children are now adult and financially secure, you may want to select a grandchild as your new beneficiary. Changes in title and beneficiary designations are easily changed.

When you die, your assets will be passed on in some manner, so if planning is not done in advance, it will fall to the state in which you reside or own property to determine the distribution of your assets.

Having a blueprint in place is of the utmost importance because it will shield your family from the burden of complicated legal and tax problems, protect your estate in the event you are no longer competent, reduce or eliminate estate taxes, and accelerate the disbursement of your property to your heirs and other beneficiaries.

Consider carefully which estate plan best suits your needs.

Don't be pressured into something which makes no sense to you, and be sure to inform any adult children where your will is located.

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## East Bay Events

### Ryerson: She's got the ear



Ali Ryerson, flute, will be joined by Weber Drummond, piano, at Maybeck Recital Hall this Sunday in a concert of Brazilian and jazz standards. Music begins at 4 p.m. at 1537 Euclid Ave., Call 848-3228 for tickets (\$20).

Ryerson is the daughter of Artie Ryerson, a guitarist of the Big Band era and studio scene of the '50s and '60s. She performed in her teens with her three brothers — Art, Rich and John — in their jazz rock band.

"The essential element in jazz is using your ears, playing by ear," says Ryerson. "When you don't know all the notes, you really have to listen. You're put in the middle with other musicians and you learn to play — it's the way you develop the true jazz sound."

Ryerson is a cum laude graduate of the Hartt School of Music and studied with Harold Bennett of the New York Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, and with the New York City Opera Orchestra, and Julius Baker of the New York Philharmonic.

She recently released the CD, *In Her Own Sweet Way*, a follow-up to her Concord Jazz debut, *Portraits in Silver*.

### Brush technique revealed

Reception tonight from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Giorgi Gallery will feature a demonstration of brush painting by Ywing Ming Yang, whose works will be shown at the gallery through March 24.

Also on display is furniture sculpture by Rebecca Wood. The gallery is at 2911 Claremont Ave., Berkeley. Call 849 4967 for more information.

### Author talks on finding your niche

Barbara Sher, author of *I Could Do Anything If I Only Knew What It Was*, will speak at Gaia Books, 1400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, on Sunday, Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. She will also read from her book, *Live the Dream*.

Sher offers a program for realizing dreams based on the combination of insight and vision unique to each individual. To reserve a ticket call 848-GAIA.

### Pianist performs Prokofiev

Christine Yu, winner of the Kensington Symphony's Young Artist Competition, will perform Prokofiev's *Concerto No. 3* with the Kensington Symphony on Sunday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church in Kensington.

Yu, a 15-year-old San Ramon musician won first place in the 1995 State Music Competition sponsored by the Music Teachers' Association of California. Mendelssohn's "Scottish" Symphony No. 3, and *Fanfare* by composer Ron McFarland, are also on the program.

Tickets are General Admission, \$8 seniors, \$6 and children under 12. For more information, call 234-9529 or 525-4796.



The Chamber Orchestra's performance at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, will feature Rossini's String Sonata No. 6 in D Major; Beethoven's *Concerto Per Archi*; Krzysztof Penderecki's *Sinfonia* (1990-91) and selections from Beethoven and Mahler. The concert will be held at First Congregational Church, Dana Point, Berkeley. To reserve seats call 415-392-4400.

## Theater + gospel

Performances presents dance theater artist David Rousseve in the premiere of the company's new dance/theater work *The Whispers of Angels*, at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 23 and 24 in the Hall. Jazz-house-funk composer Me'Shell NdegeOcello created the original score for the piece. *The Whispers of Angels* features Rousseve, Lynette Dupree and a 25-member chorus of performers. Tickets with the artists follow performances.

The Brooklyn Academy of Music's 1995 Next Wave Festival, continues on next page



Tamino (John Rouse) and Pamina (Gemma Kavanagh) prepare to face the ritual trials. Eliot Khuner

## 'Magic Flute' opens Saturday

### Mozart specialist George Cleve conducts

Berkeley Opera opens its 1996 season with five performances of Mozart's masterpiece, *The Magic Flute*, Feb. 24, 25, 29 and March 2 at 8 p.m. and March 3 at 2 p.m. All performances are at the Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley.



George Cleve

Celebrated Mozart specialist George Cleve will conduct. Cleve makes his Berkeley Opera debut (and his first local opera conducting appearance in many years) with these performances.

The production is directed by award-winning director Barbara Heroux with sets by Peter Crompton and costumes by Dhyani. The performances are sung in Marcie Stapp's English translation.

Principal roles are sung by Gemma Kavanagh (Pamina), Suedale Schierman (Queen of the Night), Donna Lee (Papagena), Kathy Lynn McMillan, Emily Stern and Tina Osinski (the Three Ladies), Michael Kull and John Rouse (Tamino), William Neely (Papagena), Peter Klaveness (Sarastro) and Andrew Morgan (Monostatos). The performances also feature the Berkeley Opera chorus, prepared by Jude Navari, and orchestra.

Tickets are \$20 adult and \$15 youth; an \$18 senior ticket is available for Thursday, Friday and Sunday performances only. Full-time students with ID may purchase unsold seats 20 minutes prior to curtain for \$8. Tickets are available at CitiArts Box Office, 798-1300.

Wye Allanbrook, a well-known Mozart scholar and professor of music at UC Berkeley, will present a free pre-performance lecture on *The Magic Flute* at 7 p.m. for the two Saturday performances, Feb. 24 and March 2.

Allanbrook is the author of *Rhythmic Gesture in Mozart: Le nozze di Figaro and Don Giovanni*, a work Peter Sellars credits with inspiring his interpretations of those operas.

### The same old story?

## Beautiful girls meet good-looking guys

By Renata Polt

The fictitious town of Knight's Ridge, Mass., the setting of Ted Demme's *Beautiful Girls*, is the sort of place where people don't lock their doors and women can walk alone at night.

Despite these old-fashioned virtues, it's also the site of an entrenched '90s-style battle of the sexes, with young men pursuing unattainable ideal women while remaining unable to commit to the perfectly lovely real ones in front of them.

The "beautiful girls" they lust after aren't movie stars, however; they're super-models, and when Paul (Michael Rapaport), one of the town's underachieving late 20-somethings says, "We need models," it isn't role models he's talking about.

Paul's Saint Bernard is named after model Elle Macpherson, and his bedroom is papered with posters of models. Paul's roommate, Tommy (Matt Dillon), maintains an affair with his high school sweetheart, Darian (Lauren Holly), now married and the mother of a child, while his official present-day girlfriend, Sharon (Mira Sorvino), wonders how she can get through to a guy whose best years were in high school.

Returning to this scene, both to attend a high school reunion and to sort out his ambivalent feelings

about his lawyer girlfriend, Tracy (Annabeth Gish), is Willie (Timothy Hutton), who is more or less making it in New York as a lounge pianist.

It takes no time at all for Willie to slip right back into the old groove, hanging out evenings at the local pub, discussing women by assigning numerical values to their faces, bodies, and personalities (Tracy, he says uncharitably, is a seven-and-a-half in all three departments).

Two more unattainable females enter the equation when the glamorous Andra (Uma Thurman), an advertising exec from Chicago,



Matt Dillon and Timothy Hutton in 'Beautiful Girls.'

comes to town for a visit; and when Willie meets 13-year-old Marty (Natalie Portman), the girl next door.

Though Willie is realistic enough to avoid lusting after Marty, a "heartbreaker-in-training," he can't help being drawn to her innocence

and spontaneity.

If *Beautiful Girls* sounds like a distillation of aimless young-people-searching-for-meaning films like *Diner* and *The Big Chill*, it is. Like them, it's a successful

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## Kornbluth performs in Berkeley

The Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center celebrates the return of Josh Kornbluth for two shows, Saturday, Feb. 24, at 7 and 10 p.m.

After performing here to a sold out crowd last year, Josh returns for an encore performance featuring two of his most successful shows: *Haiku Tunnel* and *The Mathematics of Change*.

*Haiku Tunnel* is about the adventures of a really bad male secretary at a huge corporate law firm. It is one of two monologues that Kornbluth has adapted for feature films due to the selection of these projects by the '94 Sundance Institute's Screenwriter's Lab.

Produced by Miramax and starring Kornbluth, *Haiku Tunnel* is scheduled to begin filming early this year.

*The Mathematics of Change* is about how fear and calculus confront a math prodigy as he enters Princeton University. The phrase "mathematics of change" refers to the awful moment of truth when an aspiring mathematician — encouraged since his youth by his father with predictions of legendary mathematician status — comes face to face with his mental limitations. In this painful tale both poignant and humorous, Kornbluth holds nothing back.

Tickets are available now by calling the BRJCC at 848-0237, or they may be purchased directly from the BRJCC at 1414 Walnut St. at Rose, Berkeley.

Tickets are \$10, students and seniors; \$12, BRJCC members; and \$15 non-members.



## East Bay Events

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Anna Kisselgoff of the New York Times concluded "above all, [The Whispers of Angels] packs an authentically emotional wallop." The second part of Rousseve's Dream Series, "Whisper" follows the storyline of Part 1: Pop Dreams (1994), and details the reminiscences of a young African American as he faces death.

Combining contemporary urban "house" music with the sensuality of southern black folklore, Rousseve portrays a gay man reflecting on his desires and dreams during his last.



David Rousseve



## Award-winning Muir String Quartet

Cal Performances presents the acclaimed Muir String Quartet — winner of the prestigious Naumberg Chamber Music Award — at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, at Hertz Hall on the UC Berkeley Campus. The Boston-based quartet performs and records an impressive repertoire of chamber music, and brings to Berkeley Mozart's Quartet in C Major, K465 "Dissonant," Brahms's Quartet in C minor, Opus 51, No. 1, and Joan Tower's *Night Fields*, commissioned by the Muir in 1993.

In addition to receiving the Naumberg Award in 1981 — only a year after its founding — the Muir was awarded the 1980 Evian International String Quartet Competition first prize, and received a 1995 Grammy Award nomination for its recording of the Beethoven quartets (Opus 132 and *Grosse Fugue*).

The Muir is committed to supporting contemporary American music and, in addition to commissioning such distinguished composers as Tower, Richard Danielpour and Richard Wilson, the quartet gave the world premiere performance of the Native American collaborative work *Circle of Faith*, featured on National Public Radio.

Tickets are \$22 are available by calling 642-9988 or at BASS outlets



## About Ball

Appearing at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall on Sunday at 3 p.m., Dancers and Musicians of Ball will present ancient communal rituals and story-dances, featuring the *Tabuh* (instrumental gamelan overture), the *Pendet* (court offering to honored guests), the *Baris* and *Kebyar Trompong* (warrior dances), and more. Tickets are \$12, \$16 and \$22; call 642-9988 or 762-BASS.

## A children's concert, too

The San Francisco Early Music Society presents popular duo John Fleagle and Shira Kammen (voices, harps, and fiddles) in a program of medieval music from England; traditional music of the British Isles, Canada, and the United States; plus riddles and stories in performance at 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 24, at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave.).

A free children's concert (reservations required) will take place at 3 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased at the door, or by calling 528-1725

John Fleagle, who recently finished a series of performances as The Troubadour with the San Francisco Bay Revels, and Shira Kammen, beloved for performances on bowed strings with a range of local groups, including Ensemble Alcatraz (medieval), Distant Oaks (Celtic), and Ellis Island (Klezmer), have created a program of ballads, tunes, poetry, stories, and more out of the Anglo-American tradition. The program spans the globe from England and Scotland to Canada and Appalachia.



John Fleagle

## Girls

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example of ensemble acting; in addition to the actors already named, the cast also includes Noah Emmerich, Rosie O'Donnell, Max Perlich, Martha Plimpton, Sam Robards, and David Arquette. Demme (director of *The Ref* and nephew of better-known Jonathan Demme) manages his cast with the skill of a more experienced director.

But the film's action moves spo-

radically. Terrific scenes pop out of nowhere, like a scene at the town ice rink, where Marty and Willie have a mini-showdown, or the one in which Gina (O'Donnell), the town beautician, delivers a diatribe on the realities of women's bodies ("Women with big tits have big asses, women with little tits have little asses") in one long take in a supermarket. Other segments of the film move so aimlessly that I caught myself checking my watch, conveniently equipped with glowing numerals and hands.

By Elen Wels

Singer-songwriter Greg Brown appeared at the Freight and Salvage Coffee House last weekend in an impressive six-show run. Brown, sometimes called the folk-laureate of Iowa, has a large and devoted Northern California audience.

During the past several seasons, Brown has chosen to perform predominantly at the Freight for his Bay Area concerts. Steve Baker, the club's managing director, says Brown "knows he can do anything at the Freight. The place allows more artistic expression. The audience recognizes it and the artist appreciates it."

During this series, Brown, accompanied by electric guitarist and long time sideman Bo Ramsey, played songs drawn from Brown's 12 albums, with a dash of the Rev. Gary Davis's blues.

Most of Brown's songs are personal confessions of hopes and

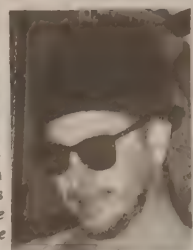
dreams, doubts and disillusionments. In his song "Just By Myself," from the album *Dream Cafe*, he narrates with mock enthusiasm his freedom from the constraints of a relationship: "I'll fold the laundry just like I please, and put the sheets on just like I please... and I'll be happy just by myself." In the tender "Sleeper (Come and Go With Me)" the narrator says with wistful longing: "It's another happy April to every happy fool, you move through my dreams like a trout moves through a pool, sure I will do anything — but I blush at the reverie — sleeper come and go with me."

Brown is something of anachronism in the music world. Avoiding the call of the major labels and the larger halls, Brown has released his material on the independent Red House label and prefers the intimacy of medium-sized venues like the 240 seat Freight and Salvage. Touring extensively around the globe, Brown has expanded his au-

dience greatly since his days as the resident folksinger on Garrison Keillor's *A Prairie Home Companion*.

His songs reach out and meet you halfway. His gravelly and yearning voice soaks each syllable with living water drawn from a deep well. A gifted storyteller, Brown often sets up a song with a recollection from his boyhood in Iowa or from adventures on the road.

Brown has the rare ability to give life to his subjects with terrific authenticity. On one of his most treasured and requested songs, "Good Morning Coffee" his voice



Greg Brown

and guitar work melds human coffee pot, boiling and philosophizing daily grind.

Brown introduced a cholic title called "We're Both Alone Together." The audience's sponse indicated a like to classic in the songbook.

Great music shows sive. Greg Brown's performing style and take us to the common human experience. Music has gotten too notonous, catch Greg's appearance at the Freight, currently scheduled.

Be prepared for evening of memories, recollections, heartbreak, social challenges, humor. Greg Brown is a Berkeley's guest

## Yo-Yo Ma plays, wines and dines for Cal Performances

Cal Performances presents "An Evening with Yo-Yo Ma and Jeffrey Kahane" when the award-winning musicians take the Zellerbach Hall stage in concert beginning at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 29 A Chandon Supper with the artists to benefit Cal Performances follows the concert.

An artistic team renowned for their "noble, engrossing performances" (Los Angeles Times), Ma and Kahane are frequent recital collaborators. They will perform J.S. Bach's Sonata in D major for viola da gamba, BWV 1028, and Suite No. 5 for unaccompanied cello in C minor, BWV 1011; Beethoven's Sonata No. 4 in C major, Opus 102, No. 1; Falla's Seven Popular Spanish Songs; and The Grand Tango by Astor Piazzolla.

UC Berkeley Chancellor and Mrs. Chang Lin Tien serve as honorary co-chairs of the event, with

As a benefit for Cal Performances sponsored by Bank of America and Domaine Chandon, Napa Valley,

the committee has created a post-performance party at the UC Berkeley Alumni House, directly adjacent to Zellerbach Hall. Benefit ticket-holders will dine with Ma and Kahane at a buffet supper, where master chef Philippe Jeanty will create a delectable supper buffet highlighting savories of the winter season.

One of the most renowned virtuoso musicians of the 20th century, Yo-Yo Ma gave his first public recital at age 5 and by the time he was 19 he was being compared with such masters as Rostropovich and Casals. Ma has appeared with eminent conductors and orchestras in all the music capitals of the world, and has a unique reputation for performing chamber music with a wide circle of colleagues, among them, Emanuel Ax, Isaac Stern and Jaime Laredo.

An eight-time Grammy Award winner, Ma recently released an all-American album featuring the

Ives Piano Trio and works by Bernstein, Kirchner and Gershwin, and a recording of the Chopin Cello Sonata and Piano Trio with Emanuel Ax and violinist Pamela Frank.

As well known for his commitment to music education as he is for his performances and recordings, Ma devotes much time and energy each season to work with young people. His touring schedule regularly includes master classes and informal instruction with student audiences, and he teaches every summer at Tanglewood.

Jeffrey Kahane's inspired interpretations have made him popular with the major symphony orchestras throughout the United States and Europe. He made his Carnegie Hall debut in 1983 under the auspices of the America Israel Cultural Foundation in a special concert tribute to Arthur Rubinstein. Since that time, New York's concert halls, and those of Chicago, Boston, San Francisco, Vancouver, and Los Ange-

les, have welcomed him as a recitalist.

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## Sendak

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Born into a family of storytellers, Sendak grew up in Brooklyn. "The first thing I remember is my father telling me very inappropriate stories." As the youngest of three children, he later joined the family industry of producing hand-made books of his father's stories. He and his brother would illustrate them while his sister bound them.

In a frank yet painful discussion of his childhood trauma (part of a panel on "Children and Suffering" held on Wednesday), Sendak confessed that his childhood was, for the most part, a sad and sickly one. Plagued with a series of life-threatening childhood diseases, the young boy often overheard his elders discussing his mortality. His grandmother even insisted in dressing him in white so the angels would not miss him.

When he was 3-years old, Sendak said, he became obsessed with a tragic contemporary of his, Charles Lindbergh, Jr., son of the famous aviator. He equated his own mortality with that of the kidnapped boy's. When the Lindbergh child's body was found, he remembers thinking, "If that could happen to him, what chance did I have." He also saw a photo of the dead boy in a newspaper, a fact his parents vehemently denied, insisting it was never published.

The trauma which resulted from these incidents caused Sendak to seek help through psychoanalysis for years thereafter. He finally found peace through the creative process. The Lindbergh obsession became the veiled subject of *Outside Over There*, one of Sendak's darkest books. In it the real baby ("Charley" Lindbergh) is kidnapped by goblins and an ice baby (Sendak) is substituted for him.

Members of Sendak's family are used as characters, and a portrait of the dead Charley is included in a center page. The writer considers it one of his most important works.

While in the process of writing *Outside Over There* Sendak suffered his first and only real mental

collapse. It was only with the help of pills, doctors and friends that he was able to surface to finish the book. Some time later he made the acquaintance of another Lindbergh child, a daughter born to the family after the kidnapping incident. Although he had never told anyone the real story behind the book, he said to her, "I wrote a book once," to which she replied, "I know. It's *Outside Over There*."

His trauma was really buried when he was given a copy of the one newspaper that had carried the photo of the victim, a photo he had always been told didn't exist.

He admits that each of his books has served a function in his life. For instance, when he took leave of New York to move to Connecticut, he wrote *In the Night Kitchen*. It was his homage to the Big Apple, and he felt the need to include some of the most important aspects of New York in it: his deceased par-

ents (in the guise of the Sunshine Bakers — "We bake while you sleep"), food, Oliver Hardy and King Kong.

Sendak proclaims "I don't write for kids. Something is wrong with me and that's what gets to kids... I am obsessed with children and primarily my own childhood."

Perhaps this explains some parents' aversion to his work. It may

also account for the of his books are in the schools because some administrators bad role models.

Although it takes seven years to complete each project, Sendak the way to create. "You the story until the

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One of the best kept dining secrets is the dining room which operates Monday through Friday by the students. Located on the DVC campus, the Norseman Restaurant offers lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at a bargain price of \$7.50. The meals are prepared by students in the kitchen under the supervision of Chef Nadar Sharkes and then served by the operations class under the guidance of HRM Department Chair Jack Hendrickson.

The affordable price of lunch includes your choice of appetizer, entree and dessert. These meals feature such items as salmon, lamb chops and pasta and are presented with attention to taste and detail.

Currently the program is also presenting a special series of dinners on Tuesday and Thursday evenings as well. International cuisine dinners are being featured on Tuesdays through March 26 and the California cuisine dinners are featured on Thursdays through March 21. The \$15 per person price includes an appetizer, your choice of soup or salad, a choice of entree, dessert, beverage and a glass of wine.

In addition to these ambitious programs, students attend classes daily and often work in the industry outside of school. Last year, another instructional opportunity was included for the advance cooking students. The Rotisserie On Main, located on North Main Street in downtown Walnut Creek, joined with the program in an innovative way. Students now operate the kitchen during lunch which affords them a professional quality experience.

Diablo Valley College is located at 321 Golf Club Road in Pleasant Hill near SunValley Mall shopping center. For more information or reservations, call (510) 685-1230 ext. 300.

**MUSICAL NOTES:** Acclaimed Bay Area native Pete Escovedo has a new release and Kimball's East plans to celebrate. *Flying South* is Escovedo's latest Concord release featuring such musical artists as Najee, Andy Narell, George Duke, Ray Obiedo, Lalah Hathaway, Gerald Albright, and daughter Shiela E. who will be joining her father for the Kimball's stint. Escovedo will perform with his 13-piece orchestra through Sunday. Call (510) 658-2555 for more details.

**WEEKEND SCENE:** Pete Escovedo Orchestra with Sheila E. at Kimball's East...Avance Friday and Edgardo y su Nueva Canela Saturday at Kimball's Carnival...Ali Ryerson and Weber Drummond Sunday at the Maybeck Recital Hall...Kito Gamble Sextet Friday and the Annie Sampson Band Saturday in the Terrace Lounge at the Claremont Hotel...Jim Brown at Scott's...Mark Holzinger Friday and Michael Santiago and Karen Blixt Saturday at Daniel's in Albany...Louisiana/Cajun/Zydeco music Friday at the Elks Lodge Alameda...Nob Hill Sounds Friday at the Oakland Veterans Memorial Building and Sunday at the Piedmont Veterans Memorial Building.

Milt Jackson Quartet with Bobby Hutcherson at Yoshi's Nite-spot...Madeline Eastman Wednesday, Brenda Boykin Thursday, Denise Perrier Friday with the Eddie Pasternak, Roger Glenn Duo at Gertrude Stein...Full Bloom Saturday at the Pacific Coast Brewing Co...Daniel Castro Band Friday and the Sy Kloppe Blues Band Saturday at Brennan's...John Turk at the Ramada Inn...Tattoo Blue Friday and Dizzy Burnett & her Orchestra Saturday at the Baltic...Latin dance party Friday and Ballroom dance party Saturday at the ACB Ballroom...Daddy Goddus Friday and Bozone Saturday at the Paradise Bar & Grill.

**COMEDY SCENE:** Henry Cho Tommy T's San Ramon... "Comedy By the Bay" Wednesday at Geoffrey's Inner Circle...SAN FRANCISCO: Joe Torry at the Punch Line...Caroline Rhea and Greg Berendt at Cobb's Comedy Club.

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MARTIN SNAPP

**Thanks Standing Pat:** I remember the first time I met Pat Brown, and I remember the last.

The first time was at a campaign rally in Beverly Hills in 1962, during the gubernatorial race against Richard Nixon.

I walked up and started to ask him, "Governor, what do you think about..."

"Just a moment, son," he said. "Let me talk to these wonderful people over here first."

And he meant every word of it. He had the politician's ability to suspend disbelief: In his heart, for that moment at least, they really were "wonderful people."

And of course, he came back a moment later and talked with me. While our conversation lasted, every single fiber of his being was focused on me. None of that telltale flicker of the eyes that lets you know the guy is really thinking about the next person in line.

The last time I saw him was 29 years later at a memorial dinner in San Francisco for Earl Warren. There were many speakers that night, including William Brennan, Thurgood Marshall, Whizzer White, and Warren's own grandson, Jim.

But none spoke more warmly, or with more heartfelt emotion, than Pat Brown.

Afterward, I went up to him and remarked on the fact that he, a Democrat, could reach across the aisle and say such nice things about a Republican.

"Son," he replied, "Earl Warren was a great man and a great American, and I'm proud to have called him my friend."

And that, to me, will be his greatest legacy — even more than all the highways, or the water project, or the state university system.

Pat Brown was the last gentleman, a carryover from an era when you could fight over politics without assuming that the other guy was the incarnation of pure evil.

That willingness to disagree without being disagreeable is the glue that holds a democracy together. Without it, it's only a matter of time before all the centrifugal forces in our society pull it apart.

It happened once before. Barely a hundred years ago, we had a full-blown civil war in this country that took more than 650,000 lives. Listen to the us-against-them rantings of Pat Buchanan on one extreme, or Louis Farrakhan on the other, and tell me with a straight face that it can't happen again.

Meanwhile, former A's owner Charles O. Finley, whom columnist Jim Murray called "a self-made man who worships his creator," died Sunday.

I've been scratching my head, trying to think of something nice to say about the guy. But the best I could come up with is that he was a genius at building great baseball teams.

Unfortunately, he was also a genius at destroying them. Finley was the man who introduced the designated hitter, facial hair, and dumb nicknames. (He once tried to get Vida Blue to call himself "True Blue," but Vida retorted, "If he thinks it's such a great name, why doesn't he call himself True O. Finley?")

He also gave both Mrs. Fields and M.C. Hammer their starts. She was an A's ballgirl whom Finley ordered to bake some chocolate chip cookies and take them out to the umpires during the 7th inning stretch. That cookie recipe became the basis of the Mrs. Fields' Cookies empire.

As for Hammer, he was a kid named Stanley Burrell whom Finley spotted dancing in the Coliseum parking lot. Finley hired the kid, ostensibly as a batboy. But his real job was to spy on the players and report back to Finley.

By contrast, the late Walter Haas, who bought the club from Finley, was a wonderful human being who was beloved by one and all. But even if he'd been a bum we still would have loved him, because he had such an easy act to follow.

To quote Tom Hanks (a Skyline grad himself): "After Charlie sold the club the grass was a little greener, the beer was a little colder, the sun was a little brighter, and the hot dogs were a little warmer."

Finally, I'd like to wish a happy birthday to my hero, George Washington.

Over the last 200 years he's become such an icon that his basic humanity has been lost to us. To most people nowadays he's just the guy on the \$1 bill and a good excuse for Macy's to have a sale.

But if you go back and read the actual writings of his contemporaries, like Franklin, Jefferson, Hamilton and Lafayette, they all got misty-eyed just at the mere mention of his name. And these were guys who were heavyweights in their own right, not easily impressed.

Why? What was it about him that caused Franklin to call him "my friend, and the friend of mankind?"

It wasn't just his physical stature, even though at 6-foot-4 he towered over all of them except Jefferson.

It was his moral stature. They were all avid readers of history, and they knew that Washington was that rarity of rarities: a military conqueror who refused to become a dictator.

Think of it: There have been others who styled themselves as "liberators," from Cromwell and Napoleon to Lenin and Mao. But in the end, they all succumbed to the Dark Side of the Force.

Not Washington.

After the war, word leaked out that the Continental Congress was going to renege on its promise to give the soldiers their back pay.

Furious, more than 200 high-ranking officers called a meeting to plan a *coup d'état*. They planned to march on Philadelphia, arrest the Congress, and install a military dictatorship — with Washington as the figurehead if he was willing, or over his dead body if he was not.

But Washington got word of the meeting and decided to crash it. He asked to be allowed to speak. Naturally, they couldn't refuse their old commander-in-chief this one last courtesy.

So he began. He started to read them a letter he'd just received from a member of Congress.

All of a sudden, he did something nobody had ever seen him do before: He reached into his pocket and pulled out a pair of eyeglasses.

"Gentlemen, you must excuse me for wearing these spectacles," he said. "I have grown gray in your service, and now I have grown blind, too."

Then, with great dignity, he folded the letter, put it and the eyeglasses back in his pocket, and slowly walked out of the room. By the time he got to the door, there wasn't a dry eye in the house.

End of coup.

Happy birthday, General. And thank you.

## Plaza

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ture development within the South Development Gateway Area."

Council members hope for some specific recommendations for development in the area.

"I want more of a strategy, not a plan that sits on a shelf," said Norma Jellison at a Tuesday night study session on the planning process. "If that's what we get in the way of proposals, that will be a setback for us."

Norman La Force is looking for definable "components that we can then put together." He noted that, though the city cannot prescribe specific uses for individual spaces in El Cerrito, it is possible to think about certain types of uses for certain areas.

During the five-part planning process, community members will be asked what types of uses they envision for the southern portion of El Cerrito. A hired consultant will direct the process; council member Mae Ritz has requested that the consultant be someone already familiar with the city and its

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by their longtime friend, who has subsequently committed suicide, leaving behind a wife and family of his own. This story is all too familiar to anyone who follows the news, for poverty, drug addiction, and unequal opportunity have created a large subculture of hopeless, helpless citizens in America today.

Yet, while this is a story of poverty, addiction and inequality, it is not a story of drugs. Cong Thuc Cam shot his best friends because they could no longer afford to loan him money to pay for his addiction. It is reported that he had a \$200,000 gambling debt that he had run up at the pai gow tables in Oakland and San Bruno. Some cities balance their budgets at the expense of the lives of citizens like Mr. Cam, his two friends, and all the people who knew and loved them.

Cuong Thuc Cam and his two friends (Stephen Dang and Binh Van Nguyen) were refugees from Vietnam. They survived the ravages of war and moved to the United States in 1979 and later on to San Francisco, where they earned a sufficient living to help support their families and raise their children. Cam worked as a taxicab driver, Dang worked in construction, and Nguyen worked in a jewelry store.

On Friday evening, Feb. 2, Cuong Thuc Cam drove to his friend Stephen Dang's house and shot him several times while he was in the kitchen preparing dinner for his wife. He then drove to his friend Nguyen's house and shot him once through the forehead while he lay under his car working on his muffler. Both men are dead. Cam was found today (Feb. 7) in Golden Gate Park, victim of an apparent suicide.

Bruce Downing  
Albany

## Waste problem Isn't severe in EC

Editor:

Greg Hugunin's story about the "greening" of East Bay cities (Jan. 25) incorrectly states that "the waste reduction problem is perhaps the most severe in El Cerrito and Richmond." El Cerrito is right on target with the state-mandated waste reduction goals and is not suffering from lack of landfill space.

The West Contra Costa Integrated Waste Management Authority (representing El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole, Richmond and San Pablo) recently awarded a contract for use of the Potrero Hills Landfill based on a formal competitive bid process. This landfill will receive all the refuse of the five cities once the old landfill closes, within the next year or two.

## Hill

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The resulting Albany Hill/Creekside Park Master Plan, prepared for the city by Wolfe Mason Associates of Berkeley, will be used as the basis for park planning.

The plan designates the hill as urban wilderness while opening up the park for safe public use and preserving native plants and indigenous wildlife. Highlights of the plan include:

- Vegetation Management. Protect native plant growth of oak woodlands, grasslands, toyon understory and riparian vegetation from "invading exotics," mainly eucalyptus, by pruning to maintain hilltop views or removal for health and safety reasons; protect special flora and wildlife habitats.

- Wildlife Management. Protect wildlife di-

## Sewer

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waste-related diseases if the problem is allowed to continue.

Wading through the issue of who is responsible for the overflow is no easy matter, however. According to Bill Ekern, Albany's community development and environmental resources director, the spillage is "one hundred percent Berkeley's problem," and stems from a 15-inch Berkeley sewer line which connects with a 10-inch Albany line at the two towns' border.

Because of cracks in the clay pipes out of which sewer lines are constructed, said Ekern, rainwater infiltrates lines in the Berkeley hills and overwhelms the smaller Albany system. Ekern said that there are a number of problem areas in Albany as a result of excess Berkeley sewage, and that Berkeley's public works staff is working on a plan to present to the Albany City Council in the next few months to mitigate the problem. Mitigation would involve tearing up some Albany streets to construct a relief sewer line, with the bill potentially running into millions of dollars.

Vicki Elmer, Berkeley's director of public works, was, however, reluctant to say that her city is responsible for the Portland Avenue overflow. While admitting that the overall sewage problem in Albany is Berkeley's fault, Elmer said that she was unfamiliar with the particular problem on the 1400 block of Portland and that a crew

The focus for the first meeting, tentatively scheduled for March 11, is on information. It will include a presentation on the current status of the Plaza, retail opportunities in the area and the potential for mixed-use developments in the SGDA. There will also be an opportunity for the sharing of ideas and community preferences.

Two "interaction" meetings are to follow. Community development manager Gerry Raycraft told council members the second meeting might be a time to hear more about "what the community thinks might work in the South Gateway," with the third meeting a time to "try to solidify those ideas and get them on paper."

The consultant would pull together the ideas into a "concept plan" to be presented and then "fine-tuned" in a fourth meeting.

The June 17 meeting of the city council/redevelopment agency is the target date for the final presentation to council.

While one resident questioned the three-month

This process has been one of deliberate and careful planning that in no way has caused the "severe" waste reduction problem that Mr. Hugunin suggests.

El Cerrito has benefited from a long history of public support for and participation in city recycling programs. The Recycling Center is open seven days a week and accepts more than 15 different materials. It has been serving the East Bay for 25 years.

The city has offered weekly curbside recycling collection for 20 years. These programs have been effective in diverting materials from the landfill and have served as models for other communities.

Currently the city of El Cerrito, in partnership with East Bay Sanitary Company, is planning major service changes that will help us reach our 50 percent waste reduction goal, while keeping garbage rates the lowest in West Contra Costa County.

New services will include biweekly curbside collection of yard waste and an expansion of the existing curbside recycling program to include milk jugs, cardboard, and eventually mixed paper. Savings associated with changing from backyard garbage service to curbside garbage collection will offset the cost of new programs.

Becky Dowdakin  
Recycling Programs Manager  
City of El Cerrito

## Wants answers on student safety

The Journal received a copy of the following letter sent to members of the Albany Board of Education:

For almost three years, Albany parents have been asking the Albany School Board to retrofit the Albany schools as mandated by the voter-approved bond measure in 1993, yet no retrofitting has been done.

The recently published "Report to Governor Pete Wilson (SSC Report No. 95-01, Sacramento, 1995), Northridge Earthquake, Turning Loss to Gain," states, "Schools at every educational level suffered some damage in the Northridge earthquake. Since school was not in session, no injuries occurred to students; however, if the timing had been different, there almost certainly would have been injuries, including some chance of severe or deadly ones."

The same report also highlights nonstructural potential hazards such as glass, light fixtures, bookshelves, file cabinets, overhead objects, etc., as among the items that can cause damage and injuries.

Retrofitting of structural elements takes professional, detailed examination and planning as well as state authorization and approval; however, securing nonstructural potential hazards in our

major planning project, the three committees present seemed to support a quick approach to problems facing the SGDA.

"We're not starting from scratch here," said Ritz. "I think we're working very hard for the next few months."

La Force said community concern over the Emporium closing has led him to "we can't just sit around and wait" for a decision. In addition, he said, "people have lots of ideas about what might be done to improve the area."

"The worst thing about planning a process drags on and on and on," he said. "I'm asking more of the community than the past. It will (call for) an intense involvement. It will be over a shorter period of time."

The maximum budget set for the \$25,000. Outside grants are being sought with the funding, and, according to development manager Gerry Raycraft, members expect a BART contribution

classrooms need not be first evaluated by a structural engineer, nor is any state approval required for it to be done. Nonstructural hazards can cause severe injuries and even an earthquake.

Securing these nonstructural hazards can be done without delay in all Albany schools. This needs to be — and can be — done. A master plan is implemented. Three years these simple safety measures is too long. School Board members, Superintendent, and the responsible thing: Allocate the money to secure nonstructural potential hazards in classrooms. Our students' and staff's safety be your priority.

Please advise what action the Albany Board of Education is taking in this regard.

## Safety measures done

The following is a response from the Albany Unified School District to the above letter.

Dear Mr. Berchten:  
In your letter of Feb. 6 concerning potential hazards in Albany Unified School buildings, you suggest that safety measures be delayed. In fact, remedies of these potential hazards were completed over a year ago.

School District staff made plans and worked with the Earthquake Preparedness Committee in the fall of 1994. Remedies were implemented in the following months. The importance placed on these efforts is indicated by the use of overtime pay to complete work. Schools were closed during the winter holidays. Information about the completion of the work was available to you from any of the district's public information officers.

While I am willing to believe that your letter was well intended, I can't help but feel the time you spent preparing it and the time preparing this response could have been spent by each of us in other ways to improve the education and instruction of the children of Albany.

(Editor's note: Work last fall included the safety issues identified by Jacques Bouchard including the bolting of book cases and shelves to walls, emergency supplies and first aid kits of children identifications, and at Morris Elementary computers to tables, as well as netting used on bookshelves.)

## Club

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paint. The murals that once graced the library's children's section have been retained by the artist who completed the whimsical portraits.

The old book stacks have been removed from the building's two main rooms for play areas and tables. Bookshelves still line the walls, now they are filling up with Tinkertoys, games, puzzles, dolls and art supplies.

Site Coordinator Cheryl Dunlap said the labor of love.

"Although I've never experienced this project is probably the closest I'll come to the waiting, then the construction couldn't start until October and we were supposed to open in the school year," she said.

The center serves up to 65 children all day with morning and afternoon sessions.

versity, especially the roosting area of the Monarch butterfly.

- Cultural Resource Protection. Protect archeological sites associated with the Costanoan tribe including shell midden, bedrock mortars, grinding tools, obsidian flakes and other Native American artifacts.

- Cerrito Creek. Restore the creek and provide a bridge to connect the trail to El Cerrito's Creekside Park.

"The land acquisition, should it be funded, will expand the opportunities for environmental outreach and educational programming involving schools, service organizations, neighborhoods and volunteers," said Planning Manager Gary Patton who is overseeing the fruition of the park plans.

would be sent out Tuesday to check it out. If the problem is indeed a result of Berkeley's 15-inch line, said Elmer, action would be taken within the next few months.

"We want to move immediately to solve the problem," said Elmer.

Some Portland Avenue residents, however, feel that the overflow stems from an Albany sewer renovation project conducted in 1994. According to John Hopkirk, a 10-year resident of the block who lives between Adams and Bell, the problems seem to have started during the winter of 1994-95 after cleanouts were installed along the block. Hopkirk said that, although the sewers did leak somewhat before the work was done, the newly installed cleanouts have only worsened the problem.

"There's enough pressure so that it's like a 10-inch fountain coming out of the pavement," said Hopkirk of the cleanout on his front yard. Hopkirk echoed many of his neighbors' concerns about health risks and the volume of spillage. "It's not a trickle by any means," said Hopkirk. Ekern, who admits that there were some problems with lines being improperly hooked up during the 1994 project, said the mistakes had been fixed and that they were in no way responsible for the overflows.

Also of concern to some are the potential environmental hazards raw sewage can bring. Many residents of Portland Avenue were shocked that a city such as Albany, which prides itself on its "green" reputation, would allow

such a problem to continue.

Because excess runoff flows into storm drains, life in Cerrito Creek, which is connected to the Avenue storm drains, could also be at risk. Will Bruhns, public assistance officer for the Water Quality Control Board, a recent water quality survey killed up to 1,500 fish. Bruhns said the city of Hercules currently faces fines of up to \$10,000 a spill which contaminated San Pablo Creek.

Overall, rainwater infiltration into sewer lines is a dollar problem around the Bay Area. According to an engineer with the Regional Water Quality Control Board of Berkeley, Albany, Oakland, Emeryville and Alameda are currently under a court order which mandates that they fix their infiltration by the year 2017. Patel said that last winter alone in the Bay Area had huge overflow problems from rainwater infiltration, and that many cities are the money to fix them all at once.

Elmer echoed Patel in regards to the finding a sweeping solution. Calling sewer "one of the major public health programs," Elmer said her department currently has a year program to shore up Berkeley's leaking sewer lines.

"It's an issue that's under reported and underfunded by the average citizen unless toilet paper goes down the lawn," Elmer said.



# What's wrong with how ACCAL is run?

## Coaches become frustrated at the lack of leadership

By Gray Cathrall

If you're an off-campus coach in the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League, you'd better be secure before starting the job. Rookie coaches soon learn that they are on their own when it comes to figuring out how other teams work, and especially, how their own league operates.

A recent visit to the end-of-season league meeting for ACCAL soccer coaches was both revealing and a reminder that 400 years ago Shakespeare had it right: the past is a prologue to the future.

Except in the case of the ACCAL it might better be said, the present is a prologue to the past.

Exactly one year ago, the mung

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of soccer coaches disintegrated into chaos when a veteran coach tried every possible way to argue his school into the league playoffs reserved for the top six teams. After nearly a 45-minute delay in a meeting that was supposed to take just one hour, the assembled coaches then began the major purpose of the meeting: selecting all-league players.

Different philosophies were ar-

gued, and by the time the ACCAL all-league soccer team had been chosen, more than one hour later, it was clear that most coaches didn't much care for the procedure.

It was also clear that the coaches did not agree with some fundamental aspects of how soccer was governed.

Fast forward to Feb. 12, 1996: One week ago, the ACCAL soccer coaches met to select their all-league players and to determine the details of the league playoffs, starting with finding out which six teams would

advance to the playoffs.

Because of last year's debacle, in which leadership and order were fleeting commodities, the coaches this time decided to create their own network through the season.

They exchanged game scores weekly, spoke with one another, and learned to rely on one another for information. By the time of their postseason meeting, they all had in hand a document showing the correct record

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# Albany's girls soccer reaches goal

## Cougars beat Piedmont — finish in league runner-up spot

By Gray Cathrall

Piedmont soccer coach Steve Justice's prediction came true — a bit too early for him, but at absolutely the right time for Albany.

After the first meeting between the Lady Cougars and Piedmont, a narrow 2-1 win for the Highlanders, Justice said, "I think we've unleashed something. Albany is a very good team. They're going to be a force in the league for many years, mark my words."

Those doing the marking included Della Martinez, Albany's coach, and it was a short wait. After nearly embarrassing themselves with a 1-0 overtime win against St. Joseph, the No. 6 team in the league, the Cougars returned to Witter Field to face Piedmont in the ACCAL semifinals on Thursday.

They were greeted by a cold, fierce rainstorm. This time they didn't disappoint, scoring three goals in the first half, and going on to record a huge, yet easy, 5-1 win.

The victory put them in Saturday's league championship game against Bishop O'Dowd, again signaling the ascent of Al-

bany as a bona fide power in girls' soccer in the East Bay. Its 7-1 loss Saturday to the Dragons was humbling, but in three short years, the Cougars came from nowhere to the top.

"We set a goal at the start of the season to be in the top three," explained Martinez. "When Piedmont beat us the first time, we were hoping to meet them again in the playoffs. We really believed we were the better team."

By beating the Highlanders, Albany took over second place.

The Cougars spotted Piedmont 15 minutes, then took control with attack after attack on the Highlanders goal. Lindsay Watty connected at 29 minutes on a pass from Jenny Graves. In less than 10 minutes, two more goals were scored, and the rout was on.

Vanessa Preisler put on an exhibition of open-field running on the rain-slicked surface, faking out two

Soccer  
Playoffs  
Girls  
Albany 5  
Piedmont 1

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Albany's No. 19, Annie Izaki against BOD, scored on a rocket shot against Piedmont Thursday.

## All-ACCAL Girls Soccer Team

Coaches of the 13 girls soccer teams in the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League selected 24 players for the All-League first team, and 34 for honorable mention. The school, grade in school and position played is listed for all players.

### ACCAL First Team

Albany: Vanessa Preisler, 10, forward; Doris Mitchell, 10, stopper; Annie Izaki,

11, midfielder; Sonia Douglass, 9, sweeper. El Cerrito: Tiffany Okubo, 11, Fwd Bishop O'Dowd: Kari Wharton, 12, FB; Venus James, 11, Fwd; Megan Strom, 12, FB; Kelly Hamlet, 12, MF; Erin O'Leary, 10, Fwd.

Piedmont: Margaret Travaille, 11, MF; Fran Switkes, 12, GK; Kai Bicknell, 10, Fwd; Katy Sakamoto, 9, Swp.

Alameda: Kaelyn Garvine, 12, GK; Stacy Thomas, 12, Stop; Jenny Shargel, 12, MF. De Anza: Allison Medellin, 11, MF;

Valerie Decker, 9, MF; Erica Hansen, 9, Swp.

St. Joseph: Natalie Sawa, 11, Fwd; Brianna Fritz, 12, FB.

Holy Names: Ryanne Banks, 11, Fwd. Encinal: Carrie Powell, 12, Stop. Local players selected for honorable mention included:

Christina Leonard, 10, Fwd.; Elizabeth Watty, 9, GK; Nikki Holt, 12, Fwd; and Robin Ball, 11, FB, of Albany. Wen Yi Choi, 11, Swp., El Cerrito.

## Top ACCAL Girls Soccer Scorers

Albany had two players among the top four ACCAL girls soccer goal-scorers in the girls' division, and a freshman goalkeeper who ranked No. 4 with five shutouts,

and a goals-allowed average of less than one per game.

The listing below includes player, school, grade, goals scored, assists, an total points:

1. Venus James, BOD, 11: 16 goals, 8 assists, 40 points.
2. Erin O'Leary, BOD, 10: 11, 8, 30
3. Annie Izaki, Alb, 11: 11, 5, 27
4. Vanessa Preisler, Alb, 10: 10, 6, 26

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## Rains force revised NCS playoff soccer schedules

Apparently unnerfed by last year's heavy rains, the North Coast Section office Tuesday morning cancelled all 16 first-round soccer playoff games to have been played Tuesday night.

Albany's plays tonight at 6 p.m. at Diablo Valley College (Pleasant Hill) against No. 5 Carondelet.

Call Albany High School (559-6699) for directions to Diablo Valley College. The remainder of the revised NCS soccer playoff schedule is listed below. Team seedings are indicated.

Thursday, Feb. 22

BOYS: Kennedy (No. 5) vs. Benicia, 8 p.m., at DVC.

Friday, Feb. 23  
GIRLS: Amador Valley (No. 1) vs. Alameda, 8 p.m., at Amador Valley  
Hayward (No. 8) vs. Washington, 6 p.m., at James Logan H.S.  
San Ramon Valley (No. 4) vs. Ygnacio Valley, 7 p.m., at San Ramon Valley  
Monte Vista (No. 2) vs. Piedmont, 8 p.m., at Monte Vista  
Clayton Valley (No. 7) vs. Northgate, 6 p.m., at DVC  
Foothill (No. 3) vs. Mt. Eden, 8 p.m., at Foothill  
Bishop O'Dowd (No. 6) vs. James Logan, 8 p.m., at Logan  
Quarterfinal games are scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 24.  
Semifinals are to be played on Monday, Feb. 26, and the NCS championship game is to be played on Wednesday night, Feb. 28.  
Locations and times of all games will be announced by the NCS office (828-4900) after each game.

## Will NCS select El Cerrito for last Division 2 slot?

By Peter Mentor

El Cerrito's bid for a second upset over Bishop O'Dowd this season fell short in a 62-43 loss Tuesday night in the semifinals of the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic

League Super Power Division at O'Dowd.

Now the Gauchos must wait to see if they qualify for the North Coast Section playoffs next week.

It was two weeks to the day that the Gauchos stunned the Dragons on their home floor in their only regular-season league game.

The Gauchos led for most of that game and felt comfortable keeping a lead. That win guaranteed a rematch between O'Dowd

and EC in the playoffs this week.

This time the Gauchos fell behind and in an effort to come back started fouling. The harder they tried the deeper the hole. By the end they collected 23 fouls and had two starters foul out.

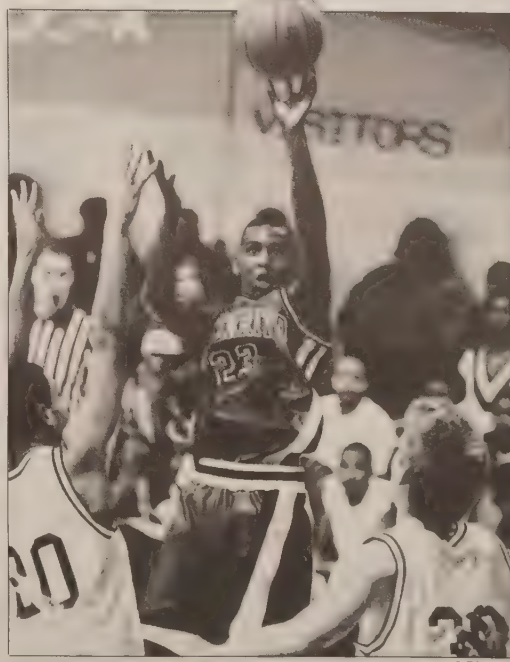
"In the first game we had the lead all night and we were comfortable," said EC coach Chris Huber. "Tonight we were always playing catchup. When you play catchup you're always in a rush. In this game we felt rushed."

EC led, 10-8, with two minutes left in the first quarter, but the tables soon turned.

O'Dowd scored the last six points of the quarter and the first six points of the second for a 12-0 run to lead 22-10, with five minutes left in the half.

Jamaal Jones' 3-pointer stopped but led the Gauchos in scoring despite defeat.

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EC's Jamal Jones was hurried all night against BOD Tuesday but led the Gauchos in scoring despite defeat.

## Jones, Fripp, Chooi, rise above it all

By John Gardella

One basketball team played inconsistently. Another usually picked the least opportune times to self-destruct during games. The third would have had trouble beating Michael J. Fox's high school team in "Teen Wolf". Sans the wolf.

But El Cerrito High, St. Mary's, and Albany were equally successful in one area: the play of their starting point guards.

Tuesday, the Gauchos Jamal Jones, the Panthers Nate Fripp, and the Cougars Vincent Chooi were rewarded for their sparkling play by being voted all-league by the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League coaches.

Fripp's teammate Duane Shaw and Jones' favorite assist target Jamaar Cotright received honorable mention.

Jones was ACCAL co-leader in

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# BHS peaking at right time

By David Martindale

To win championships, a team has got to peak at the right time. If a team's hot streak comes at the beginning of the year, it may not be able to sustain the momentum. Wait too long to turn it on and it may be too late. The timing of the peak is everything, and the Berkeley High girls basketball team is peaking at the right time.

## Albany girls hoopsters finish on up note

Slowly but surely, the Albany High girls basketball program is building itself towards respectability.

The Cougars completed the season by winning three of their last five games to finish at 9-16 and 4-10 in the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League. Last year, Alameda had just six wins and only two victories in ACCAL play. The year before the Cougars didn't win a single league game.

"We made great strides this year,"

The Yellowjackets notched their third straight landslide victory Tuesday night, blasting Pinole Valley, 73-41. The big win clinched the Bay Valley Athletic League title for Berkeley, winners of six of the last seven BVAL crowns.

Berkeley won without two starters, Tejuanya Tolbert and Deonna Sayles, but got another huge game from Shavaki Jackson. Jackson scored 25 points, snatched 11 rebounds and blocked eight shots.

Tolbert injured her knee against Carondelet, and Berkeley coach Gene

Nakamura says she may be out for the season.

Sayles missed the game with the flu.

Pinole was able to hang close to the Yellowjackets for most of the first half. Berkeley led by just 13 points after two quarters, falling prey to the Spartans' trapping defense. "Pinole came out strong," said Nakamura. "They pressed and we just stood around. They took us out of our rhythm. They played a very good first half."

The rhythm was not too hard for

the Jackets to find, however. Berkeley held Pinole to a meager four points in the third quarter as the lead bulged to 28 points.

Berkeley (10-1 BVAL, 21-5 overall) got 16 points from Charika Davis and 12 more from Tiffany Green.

The Jackets play Monte Vista on Friday. The Mustangs are the only BVAL team to beat Berkeley this season and the Jackets will be looking for a measure of revenge.

"We'd like to have a good game and go into the sectional playoffs with a win," Nakamura said.

# Jackets boys need earlier wake up call

In the rough world of Bay Valley Athletic League basketball, you've got to get up pretty early.

The Berkeley High boys' basketball team learned this lesson last Wednesday against De La Salle.

De La Salle's Rashad Floyd stole the ball from Berkeley's Dante Lane on the Yellowjacket's first possession and raced for a layup. That steal set the tone for the early stages of the game as the Spartans flew to a 14-point lead and never trailed on the way to a 74-61 win.

De La Salle's tough half-court defense held the Jackets to only seven points in the first quarter.

"They confused us a bit by disguising their zone," said Berkeley coach Dan Palley. "The slow start hurt us because we played the other quarters evenly."

Berkeley trailed, 35-21, at halftime, but used a furious third quarter rally to make the game exciting. Down by 21 points, Dilone Richard and a relentless fullcourt press sparked the Jackets.

After Rashidi Barnes made two free-throws with 3:40 remaining in the third, Richard single-handedly outscored the Spartans, 10-2. He had a steal, two-lays and a pair of 3-point baskets to bring Berkeley back to within 14. Marcus Williams' short jumper with eight seconds left in the quarter to cap off an 18-3 BHS run that cut the lead to 52-43, but it was as close as the Jackets would get.

De La Salle scored eight first 10 points in the fourth quarter.

"We did a good job on court press," Palley said. "We were earlier in the year with it, but when you're down, it's the only way to get back in there."

The Spartans were led by Sean Farnham's 24 points and also got 20 from Payton, younger brother of Little Sonics' Gary.

"Payton is a great player. He's a better shooter than I am. He was at that age, who had Gary in a gym. Montclair Middle School.

Richard was the highest-scoring player in the game, finishing with 21 points. The loss dropped Berkeley to 1-10 in BVAL play and salvaged De La Salle might have won the league title. But the Spartans followed up the big win against Berkeley by losing to Monte Vista.

Berkeley had a bye on Wednesday. The Jackets were scheduled to play Vallejo on Wednesday, but Monte Vista Friday.

The Jackets must win in order to claim the league championship.

## Girls

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Piedmont defenders, cutting to the corner, then sending a cross to Christina Leonard, who one-touched the ball past Piedmont keeper Fran Switkes for a 2-0 lead.

One minute before halftime, Annie Izaki scored on a 33-yard rocket shot that flew through Switkes' hands and into the upper corner of the goal.

"They were so excited at halftime, they said they couldn't even feel the rain or the cold," said Martinez.

Piedmont's Michelle Kliszewski scored two minutes into the second half, but suffered a knee injury later in the game and had to be carried off the field. "It was definitely our best game of the year," acknowledged Martinez.

"Before the game, I told them I was grateful for having another chance to play Piedmont so we could see who was really the second place

team. They responded well."

Justice had nothing but praise for his new rival. "They're stronger and bigger, so they ended up with a slight advantage on a very wet, slippery field," he said.

Mitra Javandel scored a goal in the first half against O'Dowd in the league finals, closing the score to 2-1. But it was all BOD after that in the loss.

Albany was seeded No. 12 in the NCS playoffs Sunday morning, and was scheduled to play No. 5 Carondelet Tuesday night in the first round. But more heavy rains caused the cancellation of all Tuesday games.

Albany will take on Carondelet Friday at 6 p.m. at Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill. "I feel good about our No. 12 seed," said coach Martinez. "We're really happy to be in the North Coast in the first place. Finishing No. 2 in our league was one of the most important things we could have done."

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assists, dishing out 6.1 per game. He averaged 10.6 points and led the Gauchos in 3-pointers during league play.

The 5-foot-10 playmaker stepped into some pretty big sneakers this season, replacing Raymond "Circus" King, last year's ACCAL assist leader. King now starts for San Diego State.

"Jamal did a real nice job for us," his coach Chris Huber said. "I'm sure he felt some pressure coming in and replacing Raymond, but the mark of a

good player is consistency."

SM's floor general Fripp, stepped off the gridiron, were he was an all-league selection at defensive back, and gave direction to an inexperienced team.

Fripp averaged 11.6 points, 5.7 assists, 3.2 steals in league competition. "I would have been surprised if Nate didn't get all-league," coach Jose Caraballo said of his converted shooting guard. "He was our best player in every game."

Caraballo should know something about guards, having coached Jason

## Scorers

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5. Ryanne Banks, HN, 11: 10, 2, 22  
6. Valerie Decker, DA, 9: 3, 3, 21  
7. Allison Medlin, DA, 11: 5, 11, 21  
8. Erin Halonen, DA, 12: 6, 2, 19  
9. Margaret Traville, P, 11: 8, 2, 18  
10. Kai Bicknell, P, 10: 7, 4, 18  
11. Christina Leonard, Alb, 10: 6, 5, 17  
Other local players:  
Nikki Holt, Alb, 12: 6, 2, 14  
Lindsay Watty, Alb, 3: 5, 11  
Tiffany Okubo, BC, 11: 5, 0, 10  
Wen Yi Chou, BC, 11: 4, 0, 8  
The top goalkeepers in the league ranged from Piedmont's Fran Switkes, who was perfect through

regular season, to Holy Names' Dria Fearn, who allowed an average of 3.5 goals per game.

The listing includes the goals, school, class, then the number of games played, total goals allowed, average goals allowed per game, and the number of shutouts.

1. Fran Switkes, P, 12: 5 games, 0 goals allowed, .00 average; 3 shutouts.  
2. Kasha McDonald, BOD, 12: 12, 3, .25 avg., 10.  
3. Keshia Garvin, Alb, 12: 12, 9, .75 avg., 8.  
4. Elizabeth Watty, Alb, 9: 9, 8, .88 avg., 5.  
5. Amy Koch, P, 9: 6, 6, 1.00 avg., 4.  
6. Kristine Griffin, DA, 10: 10, 12, 1.20 avg., 4.  
7. Krista Klemmer, BC, 10: 5, 6, 1.20 avg., 2.  
8. Kayle Torr, BC, 12: 6, 8, 1.30 avg., 2.  
9. Dria Fearn, HN, 9: 11, 35, 3.50 avg., 2.

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the scoring drought and started an 11-6 run for the Gauchos, who closed the gap to 28-21.

In the enthusiasm of trying to come back the Gauchos made mistakes. They were called for fouls six times in the third quarter, three of those coming in a span of 25 seconds.

Jamaar Cotright (two points) was

among those on the receiving end of the referees' calls. Cotright picked up his fourth foul with 2:39 to go in the third quarter.

His fifth came on an offensive charge at 5:45 in the fourth. Cotright was steamed at the call and, after receiving a technical, was escorted out of the gym.

Michael Seals collected his fourth and fifth fouls within 18 seconds in the fourth quarter, ending his night with four points and 3:52 left on the clock.

The Dragons were able to work the low post to forward Scott Darmstadt, who scored a game-high 24 points. Darmstadt had two 3-pointers in the first quarter, then made some great moves to the hoops to score most of his points in the second half.

O'Dowd guards Sean Sexton and Tony Freccero fed the ball inside to Darmstadt, center Lucas Jubb (16 points) and Reggie Jackson (14 points). Jones paced the Gauchos with 12 points and Jamaal Bennett had 11.

"We did a great job on defense," said O'Dowd coach Mike Phelps. "They're a good team, but we shouldn't have lost the last time. We have more

## Cohn

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etched into his left arm last summer. Warriors' announcer Greg Papa had nicknamed Gatling "The Energizer" because of the way Gatling got the team running when he'd come off the bench. Gatling took that role to heart. In fact, this season, when he hasn't been quite as effective, he sometimes doesn't wear his trademark headband because he feels he's not energetic enough.

"I want everyone to know the Energizer," he said. Which means he gives viewings. Let's say a fan comes up to him at the mall and politely asks to see the Energizer. Next thing you know, Gatling is unveiling the Bunny.

"I put oil on it to keep it moist, and I keep it out of the sun or it will fade," Gatling said in the tone of an expert. (I wish he'd told Smith about proper servicing of The Beast.) As I left, Gatling

called after me, "Any time want to talk about tattoos, ask me."

So I got to thinking. "Tattoos would be appropriate sportswriter like me!" As I received a vision. I could Red Smith's name on one of Jim Murray on the other. I seen bikers with Harley on calves. Well, on one calf, a still-life study of a laptop computer with mouse; on the other, the cover of Bill James' "Baseball Abstract."

On my chest I'll get the write in Old English script, "Willie the Bard." On my the place of disgrace, I can carpetbagging football on Art Modell and Ken Belton, maybe the sourpuss of De La Salle, that downer who runs the League Baseball Players Association.

Hey, it's nice to know I'm an art lover and still write sports.

size. I just wanted to win this game to get to the next one."

That next game for O'Dowd (22-5) is the ACCAL finals against St. Joseph (25-2) Saturday night at Alameda High. Those teams are both in the NCS Division 1 playoffs, the playoff winner most

likely taking the top seed.

EC (16-11) is on the bubble in the NC Division 2 playoffs. NCS selection is scheduled place Sunday morning at Diablo Valley. The last spot is between San Ramon.

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of wins, losses and ties of every team in the league.

Last year a coach tried to distort his record by switching his losses and ties, hoping to advance his chances in the playoffs. His fantasy schedule was skewered by a long-time coach who vowed to make sure it didn't happen again.

At this year's meeting, once again there was no written procedure for selecting all-league players, there were no copies of the league rules and bylaws for distribution to and reference for the new coaches. And again, the meeting erupted with disagreement.

This time, however, the coaches were unanimous in their wish, and subsequent vote, to abandon the league's playoff format altogether. Seen as physically destructive by at half of the coaches, the playoffs were also described as unnecessary.

If a team gets through a 12- or 13-game schedule and is in first place, one coach proposed, it should be the league champion. It should not have to play two more games the following week for the prize it had already claimed.

Over the objection of league commissioner Bob Roberts, the vote was 9-0 to curtail playoffs, beginning next season.

The coaches also strongly disagreed with the mandated number of 24 selections for a "first team" for all-league players. Even after the commissioner explained the formula for arriving at 24, several coaches insisted that nowhere in the world did such a system make sense.

Pick 11 players for a first team, 11 for a second team, and the rest for honorable mention, they argued. But coaches' sinner sense apparently

made little sense to the commissioner. He insisted that the number could not be changed without changing the formula for all teams, and all sports for the entire year.

That was too daunting a task even for the veteran coaches, and the issue died — for now.

In another show of initiative and frustration, the coaches voted that next year all referees sign game cards verifying scores, then have the card mailed to a secretary, whose role would be to inform coaches weekly of all game results.

They asked the commissioner for more and immediate sanctions against coaches and players who violate the existing North Coast Section and league rules on sportsmanship: taunting, improper language, open disrespect of players or officials.

It was obvious these coaches are serious. They want a better image for their sport, and they asked the commissioner to support them by enforcing the existing league rules.

They received no agreement from Roberts, leaving for one more year the possibility that soccer will continue to have problems and first-year coaches will not stay at their respective schools.

Lack of support at the top of the league left coaches shaking their heads as they filed out of the steamy classroom three hours after they arrived.

Why, asked one, is it so easy coaching youth soccer in this area, and so difficult to coach a high school team? Everyone adheres to the disciplinary procedures in the youth soccer leagues, he maintained, but there is no leadership and little sense of organization in high school soccer in the ACCAL.

(Part II next Friday, "Coaches censure one of their own")

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## Curb appeal's importance as a value added feature

You may have heard a real estate agent mention that a house is "not a drive-by." This means that what you see of the house from the street is impressive. It lacks "curb appeal."

"Curb appeal" describes how a house projects itself to people who view it from the street. A house that looks grand, charming, architecturally distinctive and well-maintained has good "curb appeal."

Some buyers won't even look at the inside of a house that lacks curb appeal, although this differs from one buyer to the next. It also depends on the variety and number of houses a buyer has to choose from. Given the choice between a house with an ugly facade and one that's beautiful, most buyers will opt for the beautiful. But, there's rarely an unlimited choice of houses for sale.

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easiest to resell.

Buyers always have to make compromises when they choose a house to buy. Whether you choose a house with wonderful curb appeal, or one that's plainer but bigger, or less expensive, is a personal decision and is based on a complex set of economic and psychological factors.

People buy houses for emotional, not logical, reasons. They fall in love with a house that fits certain deep-seated psychological notions about what a house should be like. Often buyers say they bought their house because it reminded them of

their parents' or grandparents' house. Childhood memories helped to establish their concept of home.

For some buyers, image is the most important factor. Someone who is status-conscious may want a house that has an imposing street presence, perhaps a large two-story house. A retired home buyer, on the other hand, might be motivated to buy an all-level home for health reasons. A retiree who's both status- and health-driven might fall in love with a one-level home in a prestigious neighborhood. The neighborhood would provide the curb appeal that the house lacks.

Neighborhoods have curb appeal. Houses in a run-down neighborhood or in a tract of modest bungalows will sell for less than will houses located in a prestigious neighborhood of large estates. The curb appeal of a neighbor's house can affect your house, negatively if that house is poorly maintained.

"Curb appeal" also relates to maintenance. A house with good curb appeal could be one that is very well-maintained. Conversely,

bad or no curb appeal might mean that the house has deferred maintenance: peeling exterior paint, a rotting fence, a brown lawn, and a roof that's shot. This sort of curb appeal can be remedied, at a price. Such a house might be a good deal if you can see past the tired facade and if you can buy it at a price that compensates you for the money and effort it will take to restore it.

Curb appeal also refers to the architectural pizzazz of a house. A charming two-story English Tudor, with a brick facade and half-timber detailing, will usually sell more quickly and for more money than will a similar house with a less imposing street presence.

It's possible to improve the architectural appeal of a house. Sometimes houses have too much or too little detail, are painted atrocious colors, or are so overgrown with foliage that they have virtually no curb appeal. These eyesores are all correctable.

A house that's too bland can be improved by adding landscaping, fences, shutters, dormer windows,

moldings, a good paint job, window boxes, or a front porch. If you can't figure out what to do to improve the curb appeal of a house, consult with an architect, color consultant or landscape architect.

Great curb appeal will never make up for an incurably defective interior. Cosmetics can be changed,

but a bad floor plan may be something you'll have to live with forever. So don't buy a house based on its curb appeal alone.

Dian Hymer is broker associate with Coldwell Banker in the Montclair/Piedmont office and author of "Buying and Selling a Home in California" (Chronicle Books).

## Rates near record lows

In its latest *Primary Mortgage Market Survey* released Thursday, Feb. 15, 1996 the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Association (Freddie Mac) announced that the nationwide average for 30-year fixed rate mortgages was 6.94 percent, down from 7.02 percent the previous week. The rate one year ago was 8.84 percent.

Not since the week of October 29, 1993 have 30-year rates been lower. Lenders were asking an average of 5.19 percent for the initial rate of a Treasury-indexed adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs), down from last week's average of 5.33.

The average starting rate for Treasury-indexed ARMs was 6.66 percent this time in 1995.

Rates on the 15-year fixed, a popular option in the refinancing market, averaged 6.44 percent, down from last week's 6.51 percent.

This loan averaged 8.45 percent this time last year.

"With interest rates so affordable, we are seeing a significant rise in refinancing," said Freddie Mac's Deputy Chief Economist Frank Norhoff. "Not only is this a good time for homeowners to refinance, but for first-time homebuyers to purchase a home as well."

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# Realtor Association announces World Wide Web site for California

# Rates...

Since its launch less than three months ago on the World Wide Web, the California Living Network (<http://ca.living.net>) has more than doubled in size from 50,000 property listings to more than 120,000 listings, the California Association of Realtors (C.A.R.) said today.

The California Living Network is expected to nearly double in size again during the next six weeks, as an additional 100,000 property listings are brought on-line, providing consumers with more than 220,000 listings to view from a single World Wide Web site, C.A.R. said.

"In less than three months the California Living Network has become the largest source for California property listings on the Web and one of the largest on the entire Internet," said C.A.R. President Rick Snyder. "We expect this tremendous growth to continue during the next several months," said Snyder, a San Diego Realtor.

More and more regional Multiple Listing Services and individual Realtors are joining the Web site every week, Snyder said. By the beginning of March, consumers worldwide will be able to use our Web site to view more than half of all active residential property listings in California. We expect to have between 80 and 90 percent of all active California home listings included on the California Living

Network by late June," Snyder added.

The California Living Network was launched last November as part of Living Network U.S.A. (<http://usa.living.net>), a World Wide Web site containing property listings for many states throughout the nation. ListingLink, a Santa Monica based Internet publishing company, is working with C.A.R., the nation's largest state association of Realtors, to operate Living Network U.S.A. and the California Living Network.

Property listings are uploaded to the Web sites from several sources, including individual Realtors and brokerage companies, regional Multiple Listing Services and national foreclosure databases maintained by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

Consumers increasingly are tuning to the World Wide Web as the starting point for their home searches, and use of the California Living Network is expected to continue growing at a rapid pace.

Through its relationship with CompuServe, C.A.R. will soon provide direct access to the California Living Network for the more than 4 million CompuServe subscribers worldwide. Easy, single-button links to the California Living Network and other real estate-related Web sites will be provided from C.A.R.'s Home Forum area on

CompuServe.

In addition to property listings, consumers visiting the California Living Network can obtain demographic, school, economic, and travel/leisure information about the state's many communities. The Web site also links visitors to a consumer database of real estate-related questions and answers, as well as a service which provides historical sales prices for properties throughout California and most of the nation's largest metropolitan areas.

The easy-to-use search mechanisms and wealth of community information available on the California Living Network make the initial phase of shopping for a home much more efficient for both the consumer and Realtors working together on a transaction, said Snyder.

Consumers are able to use the Web site to focus their home search on the communities and properties which best meet their needs and desires. Realtors can then help their clients refine the property search and guide them through the many logistical and legal steps in the complex home buying process, Snyder said.

The California Living Network is by far the most cost-effective Internet marketing tool available to Realtors for their property listings. Realtor-owned Multiple Listing

Services can arrange to upload basic listings to the Web site free of charge. (Most other Internet services charge a monthly, per-listing fee to include properties on their Web sites.)

Realtors can obtain more elaborate listings on the California Living Network by subscribing to C.A.R.'s Internet Publishing Service for \$99 per year. Subscribers receive an unlimited number of listings each year on the California Living Network, and each of the enhanced listings includes a description of the property's features, agent comments and up to six photographs.

## Chiapas talk

Nilo Cayugueo, director of the South and Meso-American Rights Center and Cecilia Rodriguez, E.Z.L.N. representative in the U.S. will speak Feb. 24, 7:30 p.m. at 2005 Beryman St., Berkeley.

Recent video footage from the state of Chiapas will be shown.

A \$5-\$25 donation at the door will go directly to indigenous communities in Chiapas. No one will be turned away.

For more information call 527-5655 for details.

Realtors subscribing to C.A.R.'s Internet Publishing Service also receive links from the California Living Network to their personal Web page, their brokerage firm's Web site, and their personal e-mail addresses. Subscriptions to the California Living Network can be ordered by contacting ListingLink at (800) 587-9630.

The C.A.R. is one of the largest state trade associations in the United States, with nearly 100,000 members dedicated to the advancement of professionalism in real estate. C.A.R. is headquartered in Los Angeles.

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lenders. Over the years Freddie Mac has helped finance one of the American homes. The anniversary of the Primary Survey.

On Jan. 31, 1996, the Home Loan Bank Board set the 11th District Cost Index (COFI) for Feb. at 5.059 percent, down from 5.119 percent that was for Jan. payments.

The COFI is the index used by the savings and industry for its adjustable rates. It is set monthly by the Federal Home Loan Bank on the last working day of the month at 3 p.m. and takes effect for the entire month.

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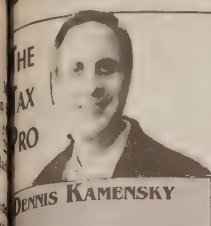
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# Deciding on a preparer



Dennis Kamensky

A few years ago a major newspaper conducted a "test" of tax preparers. They sent out a complicated tax return to 50 different tax accounting firms. The result was very interesting: 50 different line amounts.

In other words, who does your taxes can be a major test of how much taxes you will ultimately pay or not pay. Finding the right preparer, or doing it yourself, may mean hundreds of dollars of savings each and every year.

So, what should you do about making sure your taxes are done correctly and you are legally paying the least amount of taxes? First, you need to take charge of your situation. It's your taxes and your money, and you alone ultimately have to be responsible for them. Even if you hire a professional, you still need to get the information from you.

If you have a simple tax return,

do it yourself. Get a tax guide, or a computer program, or the booklets from the IRS and state of California. Use last year's tax return as a guide. If things haven't changed much, you probably can use the same tax forms and be able to follow how it was done before.

If you have a complicated tax situation, such as self-employed income, rental property, the purchase or sale of real estate or stocks, K-1's, or you are recently married or divorced, then you probably should seek professional help.

Look upon the money you pay a professional tax preparer as an investment. If you pay \$150 to have your taxes done, then you should be getting advice to help you save at least that amount on your tax returns.

Don't be penny-wise and pound-foolish. The right tax professional could save you hundreds or even thousands of dollars each year on your taxes. He, or she, can also give you tax and financial strategy advice that could be essential in your financial future. You have to find someone who specializes in taxes.

That may mean a C.P.A. firm is really not for you. First off, they charge a lot and usually are only interested in people with substantial income and businesses. Many

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# In another time: a streetcar scene on San Pablo Avenue



Hands on the arch of San Pablo and University Avenues point the way to Cal and to the "Manufacturing District" as the "Lehigh" streetcar No.280 heads south on San Pablo from Richmond.

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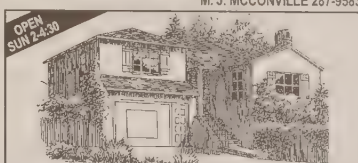
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Not every real estate agent owns a house. I was talking to one not long ago who doesn't, but I guess most of us do, and I've been wondering if I still want to.

What if I sold my house, moved to a rental? What would this do for me? Would I have more freedom, more money, less worry? More, or less space? Could my kids still go to the same school?

My house needs things. When my then-husband and I bought it five years ago, it was ugly and broken. We spent a year fixing parts of the house, everything we could before we ran out of money.

We had remodeled houses together before, finished them, but this time the project was bigger than our bank account. When we separated, there was much work still to be done, things that I would

# Some musings on selling a very special house: my own

like very much to do.

But I don't have the money, the time or the vision. Whatever else was right or wrong in our marriage, we did projects well together. We spent years talking about how much better something or other in the house could be. We planned, shopped, made mock-ups, and then did it! We made the change happen and then we talked about the next one.

And we gardened. We built beautiful gardens, dug them, trimmed them, added to them. We read about plants, visited nurseries, talked to other gardeners, went to flower shows. Whatever else worked or didn't work in our marriage, we always gardened well together. The week before he left, we were building rock walls, trimming back the apple tree, talking about the best spot for the dogwood.

This week I started the spring clean-up, weeded the paths, pulled out seedlings, decided to get rid of some geraniums and valerian to make space for dahlias. I got out the fork and shears, and lots of garbage bags, and cut and tugged and dug. Plant pieces went into bags; the dirt

was ready to turn over. Bang! I ran into something hard. Concrete. The remnants of a long ago fence post support, too deep, too hard to remove, although I tried. I dug all around it, then got a sledge hammer and pounded it, but only managed to chip away the edges.

I could have used some collaboration, some conversation: "Should I leave it there, build the dirt up on top, plant something shallow-rooted? Or is there a way to get the concrete out? Allow a deep hole to be dug there for a bush or a tree? What kind of bush or tree?"

That's when I started thinking about selling again. Sitting in the wet clay, thinking about soil amendments and rose pruning, about the shower pan that is still leaking, and the living room ceiling that is still

unfinished, I wondered why I was still holding on.

Probably I could rent for less money than it costs to pay my mortgage. I'd have to give up my garden, but the garden wouldn't be my responsibility anymore. I'd never get the money back that we'd put into the house, and if I didn't buy again, I'd owe a bunch of taxes.

But maybe it would be a relief. Maybe I wouldn't feel like I have to make my surroundings look right. Once my sister and her family moved to England and rented a furnished house. I remember her telling me that, although she didn't particularly like the house or what was in it, it was OK precisely because it wasn't hers; it wasn't a reflection of her. Maybe that's how it would work for me.

Selling would be hard. I know how hard it is for people to put their houses on the market, pull them together so that they look neat and clean and appealing, and keep them that way until they sell. Let people come in and to see, people who may be disapproving, critical. It's a vulnerable position to be in.

What would I have to do to make my house ready to sell? I've sanded some of the doors in the hallway, but never sanded or painted the others. The kitchen is warm and large, and it looks out into the garden, but we never had the pantry cabinet built. The steel shelving is tinny, cheap, intended to be temporary.

Of course, for the right price, the house would sell anyway. Someone will see what could be done. Clients say that to us all the time.

"No point in redoing the house," they say. "Might as well sell one do it to his own taste."

I'd have to clean out the basement, get rid of things, get the sheetrock w/ore up trying the termites. We planned to the bedroom carpeting w/ wood floors. We thought w/ the ceilings in the kitchen, ing room open, wash the lin, clip the too-long roof, so they won't show. And w/ fireplace bricks, round the Southwestern style, add a mantel.

Houses that are together, that are done, sell quickly.

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Level living set in the trees. Filled with light & charm. Hardwood floors, 3 fireplaces and deck. ELIZABETH DICKSON

**2 CAVENDISH LANE**.....\$275,000  
Very private, charming Piedmont home with 3 bdrms/2 1/2 baths and family room. Great location & price! HELEN BUTY

### OAKLAND

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**6101 MAZUELA DRIVE**.....\$929,000  
Magnificent new home with traditional flair. Panoramic view. Lavish use of marble and granite throughout. ED KUO

**11925 SKYLINE BLVD.**.....\$729,000  
Gorgeous Hillcrest estate with dramatic architectural design. 5/3 5. 4-car garage. Bay view. JUDY RANKANKAN

**45 TIFFANY LANE**.....\$599,000  
Fabulous new custom home. 5 bedrooms/4 baths, designer kitchen/family room. Master suite with fireplace. JUDY CAIN

**5951 CHELTON DRIVE**.....\$595,000  
Charming country home w/unbelievable kitchen & master bath. Beautiful wood throughout. 3 fireplaces. NANCY ROTHMAN

**2727 LAS AROMAS**.....\$556,000  
Classic Traditional in Piedmont Pines with level garden and Bay views. Renovated. Four + bdrms, three + baths, office and family room. SHEILA GALLAGHER

**5611 BUENA VISTA**.....**NEW EXCLUSIVE \$529,000**  
4+3, fam rm, Dramatic view & classic modern interior renovated by award-winning architect Robert Swatt. DEBRA J. DRYDEN

**6307 BROOKSIDE AVENUE**.....**REDUCED \$519,000**  
Stunning Mediterranean with gorgeous detailing. 4/3 with remodeled kitchen & landscaped garden. ANIAN TUNNEY

**5210 CLAREWOOD DRIVE**.....**NEW EXCLUSIVE \$449,000**  
Charming Contemporary with high ceilings and lots of light 3+2+ and family room. Tree setting. ELIZABETH DICKSON

**6222 BULLARD DRIVE**.....\$419,000  
Remodel with quality & style. 3+3, living rm & den w/fp/rpc 1/4 acre. Deck & garden w/gazebo. BETTINA BALESTRIERI

**2085 DRAKE DRIVE**.....\$375,000  
Beautiful level property. Sunny secluded patio. Terrific family home. Four bedrooms/three baths. JEAN SIMMONS

**5945 HARBOR DRIVE**.....**NEW EXCLUSIVE \$329,000**  
Adorable 3/2 in move-in cond. Montclair (Pied Side). Rem. kit Hrdwd flrs. Level out to deck & patio ANGELA WEI GRUBB

**71 STARVIEW DRIVE**.....**NEW EXCLUSIVE \$319,000**  
Hillertownhouse w/canyon views. Vaulted ceilings in living & dining rms. 3/2.5. Many upgrades. ANGELA WEI GRUBB

**5353 THOMAS AVENUE**.....\$315,000  
Spacious & level 3 bedroom + legal rental/in-law. Move-in condition. Motivated. Rockridge location. MARILYN WATSON

**6201 AUBURN AVENUE**.....\$295,000  
Rockridge Chamer with original woodwork. Light, bright, updated kitchen and bath. Large garden. JUDY CAIN

**4057 MAPLE AVENUE**.....\$179,000  
Colonial Cottage with two bedrooms plus office or den. Great outdoorspace with beautiful gardens. KATHLEEN CALLAHAN

### BERKELEY

Open Sunday 2-4:30 p.m.

**10 HILLCREST ROAD**.....\$479,000  
Immaculate French-Country home in Claremont with formal dining room and gracious living room. Ideal for entertaining. Three large, sunny bedrooms, two and one-half baths. New kitchen and master bath. A must see. KAREN STARR

### PIEDMONT

By Appointment

**A STUNNING ESTATE**.....\$2,495,000  
SF views. Terraces w/pool & spa. Five bedrooms/five and one-half baths. Separate guest quarters. ANIAN TUNNEY

**BEAUX ARTS ESTATE**.....\$2,450,000  
San Francisco elegance in central Piedmont. Exquisite details. Gourmet kit. Gorgeous entertaining. ANIAN TUNNEY

**PRIVATE RESIDENCE**.....\$1,850,000  
Distinguished JH Thomas architectural treasure. Appalachian oak wainscoting. Gorgeous grounds. MARION SCHWARTZ

**PIEDMONT ENGLISH**.....\$1,295,000  
Bay views, formal living/dining rooms. Paneled library w/ fp/rpc. 4/3 5 den & exercise rm w/sauna. MARION SCHWARTZ

**HAMPTON ROAD**.....\$975,000  
Beautiful Colonial with fabulous detailing & spacious level living. 4 bdrms/3.5 baths, family rm & rumpus. ANIAN TUNNEY

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Classic colonial w/gracious formal living/dining, gourmet kit & breakfast area. 5/3 5 w/office or au pair. M. SCOTT'S VOGL

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Gorgeous tree-lined street. Handsome architect designed contemporary 4/4 5 & great room. MARION SCHWARTZ

**CLASSIC TRADITIONAL**.....\$749,900  
Golden Gate and bay views, family room and sun room 4/2 5 and level garden. Sunny and spacious. KATHERINE COOPER

**SELLER FINANCING AVAILABLE**.....\$749,500  
Elegant 3-story traditional. 5+ sunny spacious bdrms. Formal living/dining and comfortable library. DONALD GRUBB JR.

**LIGHT & SPACIOUS**.....\$498,000  
Gracious trad w/spacious living/dining & 4/2 5. Breakfast rm w/access to deck & garden. ANGELA WEI GRUBB

### OAKLAND

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**CLAREMONT HILLS**.....\$799,500  
Stunning by Barbara Armstrong. 4/3+ w/office. Master bedroom suite w/views. Fabulous kitchen ANGELA GRUBB

**EXQUISITE HILLCREST ESTATES**.....\$699,000  
Prestigious level property on over an acre. Formal living/dining and gourmet kitchen. Country setting. 4 bedrooms/3 1/2 baths. KURT BUCHHOLZ

**ELEGANT TOWNHOUSE**.....\$439,000  
Elegant townhouse with many extras. Incl. elevator, library, spacious level patio and garden 3/2 5. ELIZABETH DICKSON

**CLASSIC TRADITIONAL**.....\$380,000  
Stylish traditional with three bedrooms, three baths and den. Level in, situated on a quiet street. ELIZABETH DICKSON

**NEW ROCKRIDGE TRADITIONAL**.....\$379,000  
Sophisticated new home with top quality. Hardwood floors, granite countertops, open floor plan. JOHN KARNAY

**EAST COAST ELEGANCE**.....\$349,000  
Old World charm. Top floor with San Francisco view. Fabulous building. Make an offer. 2 bdrms/2 baths. ANIAN TUNNEY

**IMMACULATE**.....\$325,000  
Close to shops, trans. & hiking trails. Living room w/fp/rpc, sep dining & eat-in kitchen w/deck 3/2 5 ANGELA WEI GRUBB

**ROCKRIDGE CHARM**.....\$299,950  
4 bdrm/2 baths w/legal sep. unit below. Large rooms and hardwood floors. Gumwood and built-ins. JUDY RANKANKAN

**CROCKER HIGHLANDS**.....\$299,000  
4/3 with remodeled kitchen and baths. Formal living/dining and hardwood floors. Au pair or family room. JUDY CAIN

**RUSTIC MONTCLAIR**.....\$269,000  
Sunny Montclair hideaway. Great privacy, charming. Three bedrooms, decks and hot tub. SUSANNE PAUL

**TREE TOP LIVING**.....\$249,000  
Spacious Montclair home in peaceful area. Sunny kitchen & cozy family rm. 3 comfortable bedrooms. SANDRA VOGL

### BERKELEY

By Appointment

**CLAREMONT TRADITIONAL**.....**NEW \$769,000**  
Classic floorplan with a handsome library, a formal dining rm & 4 bdrms. Original wood details. D. GRUBB/N. ROTHMAN

**NEW COUNTRY ENGLISH**.....\$579,000  
4/2 5 & view. Sunny cook's kitchen. hardwood floors and granite countertops. Terraced garden w/creek JOHN KARNAY

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**\$64,900 199 MONTGOMERY**  
TO LAKE, PARK & SHOP. Low-priced 1 BD, 1 BA unit. Excellent location. Excellent condition. (Gorgeous!) Marcia McIntyre 522-5401

**\$75,000 MONTCLAIR LOT**  
dream hideaway in lovely Montclair. Hirsch 814-4706

**\$96,000 TWO UNITS!** One: one 1 BD unit, 3 parking spaces. financing negotiable. Anna Wei 522-7173

**\$99,000 4820 CONGRESS**  
COZY HOME w/2 BD, 2 BA, area, plus room, large backyard trees! Terry Lee 521-3352

**\$117,500 4527 ELLEN ST**  
SINGLE-LEVEL HOME! A home with huge rear yard, new touch such as interior paint, remodeled in the '50s. George & Betty 522-7173

**\$119,000 3486 35th AVE**  
TRALLY LOCATED BUNGALOW! This 2+ BD, 1 BA home w/central close to shopping & transport. Woo 865-4340

**\$139,900 330 EIGHTH ST**  
IN THE HEART OF CHINA! 2 BD, 1 BA condo w/large private 2 underground parking spaces! 865-4340

**\$174,500 2173 48th AVE**  
MOUNTAIN COTTAGE! A charming 1 1/2 BA home with all original, plus modern additions including kitchen, family room w/fp/rpc, stairs is a giant master retreat! on around redwood deck overlooking landscaped backyard! Marilyn 814-4845

**\$385,000 223 TAURUS AVE**  
SUN, 1-4, WONDERFUL BRIDGE VIEW! Four BD, 3 1/2 BA, large living room & master suite wraps around home, formal fireplace! Anna Wei 865-4340

**\$400,000 3923 BROADWAY**  
UNIQUE COMMERCIAL BUILDING! Two-story building featuring two downstairs meeting hall, upper hall, offices, storage rooms, rear parking lot adjacent to it! Elise 814-4835

## HAYWARD

**\$168,000 30861 VAN DYKE**  
OPEN SAT. 1-3:30. ALL ON ONE! A 3 BD, 2 BA home with master kitchen remodeled with new dishwasher, disposal, gas stove heater. Both bathrooms support! McWilliam 521-2749

## MARTINEZ

**\$272,500 261 BRIAR DR.**  
FAMILY HOME ON SAC! Spacious 3 BD, 2 1/2 BA, modern kitchen, breakfast room, family room & deck, large yard! Woo 865-4340

## SAN LEANDRO

**\$290,000 170 HARLAN**  
UNIQUE INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY! commercial, 3 BD, 1 BA. Very close to shopping, school & transit! Kathy Hirsch 814-4706

## SAN LORENZO

**\$137,500 1332 CULVER PL.**  
PRICE! Four BD, 2 1/2 BA unit with lots of storage! Located to shopping, school & transit! Woo 865-4340



## Tarpoff...

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most money. I know that. I've  
it so often. If I were really  
to sell, I should get some of  
things finished, so that buyers  
want to buy the house immedi-

ately; not go away or make a list of  
what they'd have to do to be happy  
in the house.

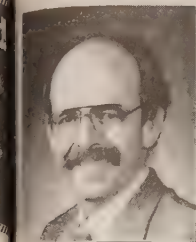
Probably I'm not going to sell  
my house. I think about it every  
once in a while, though; wonder  
how it would feel to divest myself  
of stuff, hold what I would call "the  
big garage sale in the sky." I think

I'll go out to the garden and pick  
some miniature daffodils for the  
table.

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BUENA VISTA, UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 5BD/3BA.....\$725,000 Incredible arch. design. 3F/GG views, huge vu deck. Patricia Scott	3962 FRUITVALE AVENUE, OAKMORE - 3BD/2+BA.....\$279,000 Dramatic like-new contemporary, lots of light and glass. Tom Anthony
BURNS COURT, MONTCLAIR - 4+BD/3+BA.....\$569,000 Gourmet kitchen, family rm w/frpl, au pair, yard. Joanna Gould	4406 WHITTE AVENUE, OAKMORE - 3BD/2BA.....\$259,000 Quiet retreat, convenient to shopping/trans, 2-car gar. Sandi Klemmer
ST. JAMES DRIVE, PIEDMONT - 3BD/3BA.....\$505,000 Stylish setting, large family room, 2 decks. Sally Morrison	6715 BANNING DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3+BD/1+BA.....\$249,000 New listing! Immaculate split level contemp, private yard. Donna Costella
BLUTHEN WAY, SKYLINE - 4BD/2+BA.....\$489,000 Well kept, redwood setting, remodeled, hwd floors. Robyn Mohr	3933 LYMAN ROAD, OAKMORE - 3BD/1+BA.....\$249,000 Well maintained, hill view, hardwood floors, large level yard. Dick Cohen
VARADO ROAD, BERKELEY - 4+BD/2BA.....\$459,000 Stylish, bay & hill views, den, gorgeous garden. Brooks Anderson	1400 FERNWOOD DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 2BD/1BA.....\$245,000 Very charming & sunny cottage, hwd flrs, new paint, yard. Joan Dark
PRESELEY WAY, ROCKRIDGE - 3BD/2BA.....\$379,000 Spacious, level yard, walk to BART & College Ave. Francis Heath	4450 39TH AVENUE, REDWOOD HTS - 2BD/1+BA.....\$215,000 Split level, privacy, hwd floors, plus room, lovely garden. Nancy Chew
CHARWOOD DRIVE, ROCKRIDGE - 3BD/1+BA.....\$355,000 Bright! Bright craftsman in best location, yard. Donna DeBardi	462 RICH STREET, TEMESCAL - 2BD/1BA.....\$189,000 Split level with lots of charm and lovely private garden. Sandi Klemmer
KAUBURN AVENUE, ROCKRIDGE - 3BD/1BA.....\$319,000 Stylish! Wonderful, traditional hwd floors. Helen Danhaki 547-5750	3101 HERRIOTT, MAXWELL PARK - 2BD/1BA.....\$139,500 Cozy and cute, nice neighborhood, patio, attached garage. Joan Dark
LOS ANGELES, BERKELEY - 2BD/1+BA.....\$299,500 Bright! Spacious floor plan, FDR, walk to shops. R. Gould	4139 GREGORY, REDWOOD HEIGHTS - 1BD/1BA.....\$139,000 New listing! Cozy cottage, nice fenced lot with hill views. Wendy Gardner

### BY APPOINTMENT

PIEDMONT	ALL LEVEL - PIEDMONT.....\$789,000 Tastefully remodeled contemporary w/bay view. 3BD/2+BA, formal dining, large well landscaped yard & patios. M. Holistaw/D. Bonham
PIEDMONT	CENTRAL PIEDMONT TRADITIONAL.....\$749,000 Two story home with quality architectural details. 4BD/3BA, cook's kitchen with adjacent family room. Martha Holistaw
PIEDMONT	REMODELED TRADITIONAL - PIEDMONT.....\$549,000 Spacious 3BD/2+BA home in excellent condition. Large kitchen with eating area, rumpus, level-out yard with deck. Francis Heath
PIEDMONT	GREAT PIEDMONT STARTER.....\$239,500 Traditional with hwd floors throughout, updated kit with green-house window, 2BD/1BA, formal dining, full bsmt. Ann Nichols

### OAKLAND

STYLISH CLAREMONT PINES.....\$1,129,000 Stylish, elegant new custom home. 4BD/3+BA, fabulous kitchen, formal dining, pool/spa, 4-car gar. Dee Knowland	GRAND & GLORIOUS FIXER.....\$329,000 This elegant mansion has potential galore! High ceilings, spectacular views, 5BD/2+BA, huge DR, French doors to balcony. Thomas Wurst
SPACE, VIEW, LOCATION.....\$499,500 A 3-year old contemporary on a quiet cul-de-sac. 4+BD/3+BA, open floor plan, elegant master suite, decks. Sandi Klemmer	PARKLANDS VIEW.....\$299,000 Charming all level Parkridge Estates home. 3BD/2BA, formal dining, family room, hwd floors, nice yard and deck. Vicki Woodhead
CLAREMONT ELEGANCE.....\$495,000 Recently maintained 4-year old contemp with great separation. 3BD/2+BA, family rm, large master suite. Ann Nichols	PIEDMONT PINES BEST BUY!.....\$279,000 Lots of space, possible home office with bath, 5BD/4BA, family room with fireplace, walk to schools. Francis Heath
CLAREMONT CONTEMPORARY.....\$424,000 A 3BD/2+BA home with family room, formal DR, beam ceiling, stone fireplace, huge garage. Helen Danhaki 547-5750	UPPER ROCKRIDGE FIXER.....\$259,000 Great opportunity to own in Rockridge! 4BD/2+BA, formal dining with built-ins, eat-in kitchen, family room, au pair. Kirk Phillips
CLAREMONT TRADITIONAL.....\$389,000 New construction, 3BD/2+BA, family room with fireplace, luxury master, many artistic touches. Helen Danhaki 547-5750	SEQUOIA HEIGHTS TOWNHOUSE.....\$189,000 New listing! Owner may carry 1st loan. Quiet cul-de-sac, 3BD/2+BA, new carpet throughout, large level yard, 2-car garage. Robyn Mohr
CLAREMONT TO ALL LEVELS.....\$379,000 Charming, chair accessibility! 3-brdige view 3BD/3BA, deck, pool, room spa, air conditioning and more! Kathy Flynn	PERFECT STARTER BUNGALOW.....\$149,000 This clean, bright Laurel district home features 2BD/1BA, hwd floors throughout, level yard and detached garage. Nancy Chew
CLAREMONT MONTCLAIR.....\$359,000 A 3-year old views through walls of glass in this bright, sunny 3BD/2+BA, fam rm/office, expansive back patio. Ann Nichols	LAKE VIEW CONDOMINIUMS.....\$129,000 to \$139,950 Three units available, each with 2BD/2BA, large kitchens, wood burning fireplaces, in-unit laundry, storage. Dick Cohen

### BERKELEY

CLAREMONT - CLAREMONT HILLS.....\$775,000 A new Mediterranean w/old world charm. Exceptional quality 4BD/3BA, mst suite, gourmet kitchen. Bill Weissberg	PANORAMIC VIEWS - BERKELEY HILLS.....\$649,000 New construction on large choice lot. 4BD/3+BA, French doors to 500 sq ft with wraparound porch, entertainment room. Dee Knowland
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This 3-year-old Upper Rockridge home was designed  
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Architects. Beamed ceilings, hand-painted sink & more.  
DAVID ICHIKAWA 428-0900

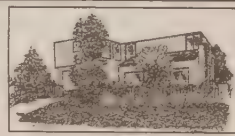


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**SPACIOUS WALTER RATCLIFFE HOME** \$729,000  
Beautiful architectural gem within the stately gates of  
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In one of Berkeley's best private areas. Spacious 3BR,  
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Move right in to this new 4BR, 2BA home on quiet street  
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**UPPER ROCKRIDGE TOWNHOME** \$239,000  
A secret hideaway with 2 master suites, huge LR with  
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**TWO HOMES FOR...** \$199,500  
Beautifully maintained 5BR, 2BA on corner lot with sepa-  
rate entrance to finished basement. 1BR, 1BA rental  
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4BR home with extra space. Call to see.  
J. WAGNER 524-2526

**ALBANY'S FINEST** \$299,500  
Large MacGregor in best neighborhood. 3BR, 1.5BA  
remodeled kitchen, big yard, formal dining room, fire-  
place, great floor plan, pristine condition.  
BILL MCDOWELL 526-5143

**BEST VALUE IN NORTH BERKELEY** \$225,000  
Great location 1/2 block from Fat Apples, this Spanish/  
Med has 3BR, remodeled bath & kitchen. Huge yard  
with fruit trees. SUSAN 834-2010, 286-7571

**CONDO CLOSE TO BART** \$154,000  
Consider a clean, quiet, small complex, this condo has  
2BR, 2BA, updated kitchen. Walk to plaza & BART.  
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### WEST COUNTY

**SPARKLING ONE-OWNER HOME** \$209,000  
Beautifully light 3BR home with a very pleasant bay  
view, 2-car garage. Very well kept neighborhood in the  
El Cerrito foothills. LOUISA REESOR 527-9800

**EL CERRITO HILLS** \$167,500  
Serene hillside views & + room suitable for conversion  
make this home special. 2+BR on extra large mostly level  
lot, near schools, day care, park & BART.  
MARY LOU LOOMIS 527-9800

**COULD BE FABULOUS** \$85,000  
Large 3BR house with large in-law unit. Nice corner  
location. Needs some TLC but this house could be  
grand. LOGENE BUTLER 526-5143

**RICHMOND FIXER HOUSE** \$32,000  
This 2BR fixer has lots of potential. It is located in an  
area zoned commercial. Easy access to freeway & close  
to new Kaiser Center. LOGENE BUTLER 526-5143

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**BUILDABLE LOT WITH POTENTIAL!** \$28,000  
In one of West Oakland's up & coming areas, this lot is  
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**BERKELEY**  
2308 Acton St. - \$184,000  
2204 Ashby Ave. - \$135,000  
906 A Delaware - \$260,000  
2734 Ellsworth St. - \$205,000  
2743 Fulton St. - \$220,000  
490 Grizzly Peak - \$339,000  
923 Santa St. - \$137,500  
915 Santa Barbara - \$265,000  
1028 Virginia St. - \$140,000  
1953 Yosemite Rd. - \$236,000

**EL CERRITO**  
1390 Summit Park - \$145,000

**EL SOBRANTE**  
24 Archery Ct. - \$150,000  
5691 Nottingham - \$170,000

**KENSINGTON**  
645 Coventry Rd. - \$250,000

**OAKLAND**  
528 Almanza Dr. - \$105,500  
105th Ave. - \$145,000  
2123 Damuth St. - \$153,000  
1611 E.15th St. - \$133,000

6212 Hillegass - \$275,500  
7171 Homewood - \$165,000  
2641 La Cuesta - \$330,000  
3708 Lily St. - \$165,000  
3905 Lyman Rd. - \$185,000  
401 M. Vista #301 - \$110,000  
923 Mountain Blvd. - \$440,000  
4048 Norton Ave. - \$122,500  
4490 Oak Hill Rd. - \$297,000  
6119 Pinewood Rd. - \$387,000  
2324 Ransom Ave. - \$119,000  
5237 Shafter Ave. - \$198,000  
77 Starview Dr. - \$275,000  
3115 Sylvan Ave. - \$158,000  
2218 Tiffin Rd. - \$140,000  
1132 Wellington - \$168,000  
4263 Wilshire - \$261,500

**PIEDMONT**  
10 Hardwick - \$495,000  
42 Highland - \$670,000  
289 St. James - \$345,000

**SAN LEANDRO**  
15358 Andover - \$145,000  
2038 Evergreen - \$215,000  
1010 Grace St. - \$135,000  
16708 Kildare Rd. - \$199,000  
605 Lee Ave. - \$225,000  
14472 Merced St. - \$161,000  
1741 Nelson St. - \$212,000  
1555 Orchard Ave. - \$107,500  
14010 Outrigger #8 - \$119,000  
14436 Santiago Rd. - \$184,500  
1497 View Dr. - \$285,000

**SAN LORENZO**  
16163 Penn Ave. - \$110,000  
1962 Via Barrett - \$220,000  
16100 Via Conejo - \$160,000  
75 Via Hermosa - \$175,000  
1468 Via Lucas - \$200,000  
17248 Via Melina - \$151,500

**SALES STATS BY CITY**  
**ALBANY**  
TOTAL SALES: 2  
LOWEST PRICE: \$162,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$180,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$171,000

**BERKELEY**  
TOTAL SALES: 10  
LOWEST PRICE: \$135,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$339,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$212,150

**EL CERRITO**  
TOTAL SALES: 1  
PRICE: \$145,000

**EL SOBRANTE**  
TOTAL SALES: 2  
LOWEST PRICE: \$150,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$170,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$160,000

**KENSINGTON**  
TOTAL SALES: 1

PRICE: \$250,000

**OAKLAND**  
TOTAL SALES: 21  
LOWEST PRICE: \$105,500  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$440,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$206,333

**PIEDMONT**  
TOTAL SALES: 3  
LOWEST PRICE: \$345,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$670,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$503,333

**SAN LEANDRO**  
TOTAL SALES: 11  
LOWEST PRICE: \$107,500  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$285,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$180,727

**SAN LORENZO**  
TOTAL REPORTED: 6  
LOWEST PRICE: \$110,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$220,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$169,416

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## Events...

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the month at 7 p.m., 1891 Solano Ave., Berkeley. Reservations required. Call Russell Doi at 526-6554.

The Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, Cedar at Bonita in Berkeley, presents a special series Money and Spirit. A talk at the March 3 Sunday worship will be followed by a lecture/discussion Fri. March 8 and a day-long workshop Sat. March 9. Explore the relationship between money and spirit in our everyday lives. Call 841-4824 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Mon. — Fri. for information and reservations.

Catherine Teegarden of RAF Mortgage presents free seminars on How to Make Money Using the FHA 203K Rehab Loan, at 1722 Solano Ave., Berkeley. Buyers of fixer-upper properties use this loan to fund renovations. Investors, first-time buyers and owner occupants, churches and non-profits and Realtors are welcome to attend. Reservations are required. Call Teegarden at 528-0767 ext. 17.

Wausau Mortgage Corp. announces a free 203k mortgage workshop Rehabilitate for Profit or Equity with a Proven Product, every

Tues., 7 to 9 p.m. Call 339-1320 ext. 240 for location.

The Davis Street "Shred" cycling Center presents a "Shred" Planting and Caring for Shrubs, a free workshop with Cushman, Sat. Feb. 24, 12:30 p.m. To register call 2303.

The non-profit Business change Network will host Build a Mid-Sized Business, Feb. 29, 7-8:30 p.m. at 3349 Ave., Suite 301, Fremont. Fee is \$25. Call 7962212 for information or to register.

Energy Unlimited presents a workshop Fireplaces for the Century, Sat. Feb. 24 9:30 a.m., 305 Cutting Rd., Berkeley. Call 234-4322 for reservations.

A non-profit Phantom Opera fan club is forming. Information call Alison Tice 682-4793.

For inclusion in Events information to Dennis J. Real Estate Editor, Hills Publications, 5707 Redwood Rd., 94619. Phone: 339-4047. 4066. Information must be received one week prior to publication.

# YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

## OAKLAND Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

6101 MAZUELA DR, Montclair, magnificent, nw trad'l flair, pano vw \$929,000  
The GRUBB Company, Ed Kuo 339-0400

6000 ESTATES, Montclair, curb appeal, 6bd/3+ba, gourmet kitchen \$799,000  
Coldwell Banker, Marilyn Bremser 339-1174

101 ALPINE TER, Claremont Pines beautiful 4 3/4, fab upgrades \$789,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, Mary Ruth Armstrong 869-4206

11925 SKYLINE BL, Hillcrest Estates 5bd/3 1/2ba, 4-car gar, bay view \$729,000  
The GRUBB Company, Judy Rankankian 339-0400

5940 BUENA VISTA, Upr Rockridge 5bd/3ba, SF/GG views, deck \$725,000  
Pacific Union, Patty Scott 339-6460

5981 GIRVIN DR, Piedmont Pines 4+bd/3ba, new, classy, quality \$690,000  
Better Homes, D. C. Hodges 531-7667

1260 GRANDVIEW DR, Outstanding new 4+bd contemp, pvt, grt rm \$675,000  
Wells & Bennett, Marie Kenaga 531-7000

45 TIFFANY LN, Pied Pines fab new, custom, 5bd/4ba, mstr w/frpl \$599,000  
The GRUBB Company, Judy Cain 339-0400

5951 CHELTON DR, Pied Pines, rustic, charming, grt kit/mstr bath \$595,000  
The GRUBB Company, Nancy Rothman 339-0400

1955 MANZANITA, Montclair luxury 4bd/3ba, light/airy \$589,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, H. Converse 869-4212

14 CLIPPER HILL, Hiller, prime location, 4bd/3ba, formal dining \$585,000  
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174

5014 BRUNS CT, Montclair 4+bd/3+ba, gourmet kit, fam rm, au pair \$569,000  
Pacific Union, Joanna Gould 339-6460

2727 LAS AROMAS, Montclair classic trad'l, 4+3+, office, fam rm \$556,000  
The GRUBB Company, Sheila Gallagher 339-0400

6001 BUENA VISTA, Upr Rockridge 4bd/2+ba, highest quality \$549,000  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, David Ichikawa 547-8978

6115 MARGARIDO, Upr Rockridge Medit, 4bd/2 1/2ba, gourmet kitchen \$534,000  
Coldwell Banker, Nancy Dickey 339-1174

5611 BUENA VISTA, Upr Rockridge 4+3, fam rm, classic interior \$529,000  
The GRUBB Company, Debra J. Dryden 339-0400

6307 BROOKSIDE AV, Upr Rockridge stunning Med, 4/3, remodel kit \$519,000  
The GRUBB Company, Anlian Tunney 339-0400

930 AQUARIUS WY, Mediterranean retreat, quality/style, +art studio \$510,000  
Wells & Bennett, Peter Nicolopoulos 531-7000

64 SCHOONER HILL, Hiller, big, new beautiful 4 3/4 townhouse \$489,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, S. Ho 869-4220

650 TRESTLE GLEN, Crocker Highlands 4b/2 1/2ba, brkfst rm, pool, spa \$480,000  
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Patsy Buhler 287-5910

2843 BURTON DR, 4bd/3ba level Hill home, seller invites offers \$479,500  
Coldwell Banker, Kay Grubb 339-1174

6636 EXETER, Curb appeal, nw Montclair 4bd, formal dining \$469,000  
Wells & Bennett, Mary Neuberger 531-7000

5779 BALMORAL DR, Hillcrest Hghlands, 5bd/3+ba, den, patio, pool \$459,000  
Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174

6516 HEATHER RIDGE WY, Montclair 3bd/2 1/2ba, quality, peaceful \$449,000  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Elisabeth Belle 644-5452

5210 CLAREWOOD DR, Upr Rockridge charming 3+2+ contemporary \$449,000  
The GRUBB Company, Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400

7075 EXETER DR, Montclair newly remodeled 5bd/3ba, family room \$437,500  
Study, fireplace, 3 decks; Low Down 530-5482

6222 BULLARD DR, Montclair 3+3 remodel w/style, den w/frpl, dk \$419,000  
The GRUBB Company, Bettina Balestrieri 339-0400

4808 CALDERWOOD CT, Spacious, open flr plan, 3+2 1/2, cul-de-sac \$399,000  
Wells & Bennett, Chris Christensen 531-7000

6840 THORNHILL, 3b/2 1/2ba, wooded canyon views, elegant touches \$399,000  
Coldwell Banker, Evelyn Walker 339-1174

223 TAURUS AVE, 4bd/3 1/2ba, lg living rm, mstr suite, balcony, FDR \$385,000  
Harbor Bay Realty, Anna Woo 865-4340 SUNDAY 1-4

1310 MOUNTAIN BL, Montclair 4bd/3ba, 3 frpls, mstr suite, FDR \$385,000  
Better Homes 339-8400

5801 PRESLEY WAY, Rockridge 3bd/2ba well kept trad'l, level yd \$379,000  
Pacific Union, Francis Heath 339-6460

1131 HOLLYWOOD AVE, Glenview 4+bd/2ba polished Tudor, view \$379,000  
Better Homes, Steven Biasatti 339-6160 X239

2085 DRAKE DR, Montclair, beautiful 1 1/2 property, 4/3, sunny patio \$375,000  
The GRUBB Company, Jean Simmons 339-0400

6108 HARWOOD DR, Rockridge 3bd/1+ba bright craftsman, nw listing! \$355,000  
Pacific Union, Donna DeBardi 339-6460

115 ROCKRIDGE BL So, Dramatic non-trad'l 3/2, skylites, hwd, dk \$332,900  
Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 531-7000

5945 HARBORD DR, Montclair adorable 3b/2b, move in! patio, deck \$329,000  
The GRUBB Company, Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400

25 MASONIC PL, Upr Rockridge, location! updated 4bd/2ba \$319,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, G. Boomer 869-4202

6924 COLTON BL, Montclair spacious 4bd/2ba, hwd, appeal! \$319,000  
Coldwell Banker, Dell M. Orr 339-1174

71 STARVIEW DR, Hiller Highlands 3bd/2 1/2ba twnhse, canyon vws \$319,000  
The GRUBB Company, Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400

5862 CHABOT CT, Rockridge 3bd/1ba, separate studio, walk shops \$319,000  
Better Homes, M. J. McConville 287-9583

6240 AUBURN AVE, Rockridge 3bd/1ba trad'l, new listing! hwd \$319,000  
Pacific Union, Helen Danahai 547-5750

5353 THOMAS AVE, Rockridge, spacious 3bd, legal rental/in-law \$315,000  
The GRUBB Company, Marilyn Watson 339-0400

5760 SCARBOROUGH, Montclair, 1st Open! 3/2, bay view, garden \$305,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Lani Clarke 869-4210

4404 SHEPHERD, Redwood Hts 4bd/2ba exciting new home \$299,000  
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Adrienne Nash 763-4060

85 STARVIEW, Hiller Highlands 3bd/2ba, upgrades, 2 frpls \$297,000  
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174

6201 AUBURN AVE, Rockridge charmer, light/bright, updated kit/ba \$295,000  
The GRUBB Company, Judy Cain 339-0400

70 ABBOTT DR, Montclair 3bd/2ba, level land, mstr bd w/frpl \$289,000  
Better Homes, Alice Wick 339-8400

2950 HEDGE CT, Montclair 3bd/2 1/2ba, smashing bay & bridge vw \$285,000  
Better Homes, Harry Kress 339-8400

7600 MOUNTAIN BL, Oakland Hills 3bd/2ba plus rental cottage \$279,000  
Better Homes, Helen Nicholas 339-8400

6082 COLTON, Montclair 3bd/2ba, 1st open, view, updated \$275,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, G. Boomer 869-4202

4045 LYMAN RD, Oakmore 3bd/1 1/2ba, exc. location, updated kitchen \$275,000  
Better Homes, Patricia Bennett 482-9000

1948 OAK CREST, Upr Oakmore 3bd/2ba, great family style kitchen \$269,000  
Better Homes, Vicki Case 339-8400

4761 DAVENPORT, 2nd open! don't miss, 2100sf 3/2 in gd area, vw \$269,000  
Wells & Bennett, Noll Davis 531-7000

541 MANDANA BL, Oakland 3bd/1 1/2ba \$269,000  
Coldwell Banker, Dave Moss 486-1495

9212 SKYLINE, Montclair 3bd/2ba, best value, charming, quality \$259,000  
Better Homes, Martha Shin 531-8643

6726 SARONI DR, Montclair 3bd/2ba, new decks, upgraded, hwd \$259,000  
Better Homes 339-8400

4406 WHITTLE AVE, Oakmore 3bd/2ba quiet retreat, 2-car garage \$259,000  
Pacific Union, Sandi Klemmer 339-6460

2111 TRAFALGAR PL, Montclair 2bd sparkler, new price \$255,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, Bob Randall 869-4242

1960 MAGELLAN, Montclair 2bd/1ba, walk to everything \$255,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Bill Boze 869-4216

368 CAVOUR ST, Rockridge 2bd/1ba exba beautiful craftsman bungalow \$254,900  
Agent 420-0657 SUNDAY 1-4 Built-ins, oak floors, alarm

673 SANTA RAY AV, Crocker 3bd/2ba, 1st open, newer kit, yard \$249,500  
Better Homes 339-8400

6715 BANNING DR, Montclair 3+bd/1+ba, new listing, spl hv, pvt yd \$249,000  
Pacific Union, Donna Costella 339-6460

17063 BROADWAY TER, Montclair 2bd/1ba, vw, spa, deck, wkshop \$249,000  
Better Homes, Victor Fierro 339-8400

3933 LYMAN RD, Oakmore 3bd/1+ba, hill view, hwd, lg hv yd \$249,000  
Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460

2581 EL CAMINITO, Montclair, new listing, 3bd, 2 updt'd ba, woody \$249,000  
Coldwell Banker, Adriana Giacomelli 339-1174

842-8424 WALKER, Grand Lake 2 units, 2bd w/frpl up, 1bd down \$247,150  
Owner 834-8768, SUNDAY 11-5 MONDAY 2-5

1400 FERNWOOD DR, Montclair 2b/1b charming cottage, hwd \$245,000  
Pacific Union, Joan Dark 339-6460

44 SPYGLASS, Hiller, charming 2bd twnhw w/view of bay, end unit \$238,000  
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174

6907 SARONI DR, Montclair 2bd/2b modified A-frame, MBR suite \$237,500  
Edward Bell Realty 339-9398 Excellent condition, landscaped, fruit trees

4509 MORAGA, The right place, right value! 3bd/2ba \$233,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Pamela Comfort 869-4213

17 WHITTLE CT, Dimond 3bd/1+ba, family rm, 2 frpls, landscaped \$233,000  
Mason-McDuffie, Eunice Edwards 834-2010

4450 39TH AVE, Redwood Hts 2bd/1+ba spl level, private, +rm, gar \$233,000  
Pacific Union, Nancy Chew 339-6460

3133 ARIZONA ST, Laurel Heights, 2bd/1ba \$233,000  
Coldwell Banker, Diane Verducci 486-1495

3644 VIRDEN, Upr Laurel 2bd/1ba w/bay view, hwd, grt area \$233,000  
Better Homes, M. J. McConville 287-9583

9040 SAGE, Sequoyah Hills 2bd/1ba, space for gardening \$233,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, M. Wong 869-4252

441 RICH ST, Temescal, new listing, 2bd craftsman, frml dining, frml \$233,000  
Owner 654-0383 SUNDAY 1:30-4:30 Lg kitchen & yard, bit-in, oak

462 RICH ST, Temescal 2bd/1ba spl hv, charm, lovely pvt garden \$233,000  
Pacific Union, Sandi Klemmer 339-6460

3337 KANSAS ST, Laurel 2bd, gourmet kitchen, formal dining, garden \$233,000  
Gadsby & Associates, Joe 748-5300 SUNDAY 2-4

4057 MAPLE AVE, Laurel, Colonial cottage, 2bd + ofc, level garden \$233,000  
The GRUBB Company, Kathleen Callahan 339-0400

4833 BROOKDALE, 3/1, Maxwell Park, move in condition, lg base \$233,000  
Mason-McDuffie, Eunice Edwards 834-2010

3908 ARCHMONT, 2+bd/2ba, charm, space, convenient location \$233,000  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, N. Hinkley 482-0088

5290 BROADWAY TER #201, Lovely condo, small quiet bldg, 22 \$233,000  
J. T. Ward Realtors, Barbara Kani 845-6021

6109 OUTLOOK AVE, Mills College 2bd/1ba charming ranch \$233,000  
Better Homes, Ken Ferrell 814-9036

4444 PAMPAS, Upr High 2bd/2ba, new listing, mint, hwd, frpl \$233,000  
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Richard Matus 287-2501

4032 LAUREL, 2bd/1ba English Tudor \$233,000  
Better Homes, Carin Caroe 339-8400

3861 COOLIDGE, Laurel, tidy 2bd/1ba bungalow, hwd, frpl, +rm \$233,000  
Wells & Bennett, Katie Meador 531-7000

2455 FRANCIS ST, Maxwell Park 3bd, bay vw, hwd, lg yd, charm \$233,000  
Wells & Bennett, Kate Phillips 531-7000

2526 RAMPART ST, Sweet 2bd starter, great street, hwd, sunny \$233,000  
Wells & Bennett, Don Punning 531-7000

3520 WOODRUFF, Price reduced, 2bd starter bungalow, updt'd, dk \$233,000  
Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 531-7000

3512 PIERSON, Maxwell Park writer's retreat! 2/1, garden setting \$233,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, G. Boomer 869-4202

295 LENOX AVE #102, Adams Point 2bd/2ba, 1200 sq ft, fireplace \$233,000  
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Ray Pruitt 287-5904

5290 BROADWAY TER #203, 2/2 condo, bay vw, excellent location \$233,000  
J. T. Ward Realtors, Barbara Kani 845-6021 SUNDAY 2-4

2430 POTTER ST, Maxwell Park 2+bd/1ba, lots of house for the \$233,000  
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Heidi Tuggle 531-4554

3101 HERRIOTT, Maxwell Park 2bd/1ba, cozy & cute, patio, garage \$233,000  
Pacific Union, Joan Dark 339-6460

4139 GREGORY, Redwood Hts, new listing! cozy cottage, fenced \$233,000  
Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460

3515 69TH AVE, Sunny 2bd/1ba redo, beautiful kitchen! \$233,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, D. A. Hammond 869-4219

1222 HOLLYWOOD, Glenview deluxe condo, 1bd/1ba, charm, view \$233,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, C. Boze 869-4203

666 OAKLAND AVE #203, Sharp 2bd/1+ba condtl small complex \$233,000  
Wells & Bennett, Donna Almeida 531-7000

1343 E. 33RD ST, Park Blvd, absolute charmer, 2+bd/1+ba + office \$233,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, V. Landes 869-4225

3301 PIERSON, Maxwell Park, great 3bd/1 1/2ba starter, bright \$233,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, E. Barber 869-4204

330 VERNON ST #204, Adams Point 2bd/1ba, light/bright, balcony \$233,000  
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Heidi Tuggle 531-4554

## ALBANY Open Sunday

913 FILLMORE, Albany 4bd/2ba \$233,000  
Coldwell Banker, Kim Cleveland 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30

945 TAYLOR, New listing! 2bd/1ba, light/airy, frpl, hwd \$233,000  
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X109 SUNDAY 2-4

## BERKELEY Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

15 KEENEYS WAY, Oak/Berk, pano views! 5+bd/4b, new, 2 bks \$233,000  
Mason-McDuffie, Julie Nachtweg 540-8743

To place a listing in the Open Home Guide, please call 339-4046.

DEADLINE: Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.





DON DUNNING, CRB

## WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW CAN HURT YOU

### Use local agent

in buying or selling residential real estate, using an agent who knows the area is an imperative. Interestingly, some people enlist the services of out-of-area agents, usually with negative consequences.

Not long ago, I met a nice young couple at an open house. We chatted about where and how long they had been shopping for a home. Although they were looking in Oakland, they had been "working" with an agent from another area for about three months. I asked how they were doing about their search. They explained that they marked off listed homes in the Sunday newspaper and then, drove around.

It was apparent their search was being done on their own. No one was pointing out to them the pros and cons or the pricing of various neighborhoods, nor discussing schools, shopping areas, resale values, earthquake hazard zones and

other important considerations. They seemed less than enthusiastic about their agent, but were not willing to do something about it. Their reluctance to insist on quality service is not uncommon.

One Sunday last summer, I was driving away from my open house when I saw an agent retrieving an open house sign for a home in the neighborhood. I had spotted it in the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) computer, but there had been no "broker's open" tour to expose the property to Realtors. The listing price seemed high for the street and size of the home. As I had not yet seen it, I stopped to ask the agent about the house. He was a relatively new agent from a totally different market located quite a distance away. He said he had "meant to" have a broker's open and probably would do so in the next few weeks. That type of casual approach is not what gets homes sold, especially in

our difficult market. He was unaware of the local publication where our broker's opens are publicized and I explained the process. The broker's tour did not take place until four or five weeks later. Not surprisingly, it was not advertised in the publication I had told him about. More than seven months later, the property is still overpriced and has not sold. Considering that the seller has extended the listing time period more than once, he must not realize he is being harmed by using an agent who fails to understand how our local market functions.

Why work with someone who does not know the territory when you can choose someone who does? Some may think having a real estate license means an agent has all the knowledge necessary to sell in any location. Although licensed California agents can sell anywhere in the state, the question is, should they? What kind of service are they giving when they are unfamiliar with the particular market? Can they give you the service you are entitled to? I suggest you work with an expert, not a generalist.

There are exceptions. Some agents are capable of doing an effective job in more than one locale. Make sure, however, to ask where the agent's experience has been, whether he or she is a full-time professional and for how long. There are some Realtors, for example, who routinely work both the Berkeley and Oakland markets.

Even though I specialize in Oak-

land, I have sold numerous properties from Oakland to El Cerrito. I am comfortable in that corridor because I spent many years working in El Cerrito as well as Oakland and points in between. I do not, however, work with clients in areas where I lack first-hand knowledge. Rather, I refer them to agents who are experts in those areas. This newspaper, a Hills Publication, covers local issues as only a local newspaper can. In the same way, by living and working in the area, a local agent will have a far better pulse on the community than one who lives and works in another location.

Each city has its own idiosyncrasies, e.g., Berkeley has its Residential Energy Conservation Ordinance (RECO) and rent control; Piedmont has a sidewalk ordinance; El Cerrito has the Blakemont slide area; Oakland has its "3-R" (Report of Residential Building Record) reports. To fully protect a client, an agent must be aware of these and more.

One of the keys to being an effective real estate agent is knowing other local agents. They can help a Realtor sell his or her listing or assist in finding property for a buyer. I routinely ask other real estate professionals for their opinion on selling price before I take a listing. This networking is vital. Non-local agents are totally out of the loop. This is why I refer clients who are outside my circle of expertise. I recently referred a buyer to an Alameda agent for just this reason. Geographically, it is not far away

— experientially, it is. Similarly, last week I received a buyer referral from a veteran Walnut Creek real estate professional.

Using a local salesperson also means using local people on your agent's "team," i.e., title companies, lenders, home inspectors, pest control companies, roofers, electricians, plumbers, etc. These individuals understand local rules and regulations. Those who work with me also know something else that is critical: they are on my team to support my clients. If there is a problem, I expect them to resolve it to the client's satisfaction. This is the time my client and I need them most. If they do the right thing and act with integrity, they remain as valued team members. If not, I am obligated to replace them with someone who will put my clients first.

People tend not to think about these things until after there is an upset — usually unexpected cash out-of-pocket. Have you ever tried to resolve a disagreement from a long distance? It just compounds the situation. Local people want

and need repeat business. They get that by standing behind their work and being accountable if they make an error. Agents from other markets do not have these local contacts nor the clout that comes from long-term relationships.

In today's tough real estate climate, some agents will not hesitate to work out of their area of competence. If you are the client, this will very likely be to your detriment. You are entitled to the best representation. Most highly successful professionals work in their area of expertise. Ask the right questions and choose an experienced agent who is familiar with the area you are interested in and who can be your guide through the local real estate maze.

Call me if you would like a copy of my previous, related article, *Sharing Information*.

Don Dunning is a 16-year real estate veteran and a Broker Associate with Wells & Bennett Realtors in Oakland. He can be reached at 531-7000, ext. 239.

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101 CLAREMONT BL, Claremont Ct, 3+3/2+b, expansive gardens \$729,000  
McDuffie, Judith Glass/Sheila Sabine 428-0500 SUNDAY 1-5

102 SOUTHAMPTON, Simply spectacular: complete renovation \$698,000  
Oak Realty 527-3387 X105 SUNDAY 2-4

103 CONTRA COSTA AVE, Magical 3+bd/2ba w/separate art studio \$675,000  
Completion Company, Bebe McRae 652-2133 X145 SUNDAY 2-4

104 LE ROY, Berkeley new listing! wonderful 5bd/4ba \$650,000  
Oak Realty 527-3387 X116 SUNDAY 2-4

105 GRAYATT, Sophisticated 4+bd/3+ba, fine workmanship, views \$599,950  
McDuffie, Julie Nachtwey 540-8743

106 EL CAMINO REAL, Uplands, gorgeous 4bd/2+ba, luxury mstr \$599,000  
McDuffie, Paula Easton 339-1174

107 ALVARADO, New price, lovely SF views, 4+bd/2ba, sep in-law \$499,000  
McDuffie, Julie Nachtwey 540-8743

108 SANTA BARBARA, Berkeley 3+bd/2+ba \$499,000  
McDuffie, Lydia Melsen 486-1495

109 HILLCREST RD, French country 3bd/2+ba, nw kit/mstr bath, seel \$479,000  
GRUBB Company, Karen Starr 339-0400

110 BROOKSIDE DR, New listing! 4+3 English Tudor, sep. au pair \$465,000  
Completion Company, Mary Montali 652-2133 X132 SUNDAY 2-4

111 ALVARADO RD, 4+bd/2ba English Tudor, den, gorgeous gdn \$459,000  
McDuffie, Brooks Anderson 339-6480

112 SPRUCE, 4bd/2ba \$445,000  
McDuffie, Jeanne McHugh 486-1495

113 EL CAMINO REAL, Claremont cul-de-sac, 50's original, 2/2, attic \$415,000  
Ward Realtors, Miriam Wilson 845-6021 SUNDAY 2-4

114 ROCK LANE, North Berkeley Hills, 5bd/2ba mini-castle \$399,000  
Creek Re 524-7524 SUNDAY 2-4 Views, low maintenance yd

115 SPRUCE, Berkeley 3bd/2+ba \$389,500  
McDuffie, Kim Marienthal 486-1495

116 DERBY ST, Delightful duplex! 3bd/2ba down, 2bd/2ba up \$355,000  
Ward Realtors, Julie Lehman 845-6021 SUNDAY 2-4

117 BENVENUE, Elmwood brown shingle, spacious 4+bd/2ba \$349,000  
Ward Realtors, N. Plattford 845-6021 SUNDAY 2-4

118 OVERLOOK RD, Berk/Park Hills, 3bd/2ba, hills/canyon view \$349,000  
McDuffie 834-2010, Dianne Campbell 530-0596

119 BAY VIEW, Berkeley 3bd/2ba \$339,500  
McDuffie, Gaby Olander 486-1495

120 CLAREMONT AVE, Well maintained 3bd/2ba traditional \$335,000  
Completion Company, Kevin Donahue 652-2133 X141 SUNDAY 2-4

121 COLUMBIA CIRCLE, New listing, rustic updt 4/3 on cul-de-sac \$329,000  
Completion Company, Trish McEneaney 652-2133

122 LOS ANGELES, 2bd/1+ba elegant craftsman, FDR, walk shops \$299,500  
McDuffie, R. Gould 339-6460

123 TACOMA, 1st time open! 2+bd/2b craftsman, Thousand Oaks \$279,000  
Oak Realty 527-3387 X103 SUNDAY 2-4

124 MCGEE, New listing, beautiful 2+bd/1+ba \$245,000  
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125 SAN LORENZO, Great location, heavy fixer, 3bd/1ba \$240,000  
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126 PRINCE, Sunny remodeled Victorian, walk to College Ave, UC \$229,000  
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127 SCENIC #2, 2bd/1ba \$219,900  
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128 SACRAMENTO, No. Berkeley charmer! FDR, huge allowance \$210,000  
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132 RULTON, Spacious old world charm, 2bd/1ba TIC duplex \$155,000  
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133 410TH ST, New on market! 1st open, charming 2bd/1ba \$149,500  
McDuffie 339-8888, Jon Dunn 869-4215

134 MISTRO VALLEY Open Sunday \$449,950  
McDuffie 527-3387 X112 SUNDAY 1-5

135 HENSON PLACE, Custom 4bd/3ba, 1000sf, one level lot \$449,950  
Oak Realty 527-3387 X112 SUNDAY 1-5

### EL CERRITO Open Sunday

708 COLUSA, Sunny 4bd/2+ba near Solano Ave & Fairmont \$299,000  
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X148 SUNDAY 2-4:30

8045 TERRACE, Great property w/GG vw, + charming cottage \$249,000  
Marvin Gardens, Doris Alexander 527-9111/273-9503 SUNDAY 1-4

7202 A STREET, 4bd/2+ba remodeled, quiet st, grt location \$243,900  
Better Homes, Nick Lavro 525-2727 SUNDAY 2-4:30

18 WILDWOOD PLACE, El Cerrito 3bd/2+ba \$184,000  
Coldwell Banker, Diana Kay 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30

### HAYWARD Open Sunday

30861 VANDERBILT, 3bd/2ba, 1 M, remod. kitchen, many upgrades \$168,000  
Harbor Bay Realty, Shirley McWilliam 521-2749 SUNDAY 1-3:30

1076 MARLOWE LN, 3bd/2ba, lg patio rm, updt kitchen, 2-car gar \$164,900  
Gadsby & Associates, Leigh 748-5300 SATURDAY/SUNDAY 2-4

### HERCULES Open Sunday

344 SCOTTS VALLEY, Hercules 3bd/2ba \$169,900  
Coldwell Banker, Karen Danrich 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30

### KENSINGTON Open Sunday

280 LEXINGTON, Spacious 5bd/2+ba, decks, views \$449,000  
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297 PURDUE, 2bd/1ba, painted in/out, refinished hwd floors \$229,900  
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X112 SUNDAY 2-4

### ORINDA Open Sunday

73 HILLCREST DR, Character & charm, 4bd/3ba, nr schools, view \$429,000  
Better Homes, Vicki Nakamura 284-9500 SUNDAY 1-4

### PIEDMONT Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

11 SCENIC AVE, Elegant 3-story trad, 4bd, library, pvt M garden \$998,500  
The GRUBB Company, Sandra Vogl 339-0400

64 BELLEVUE AVE, 4bd/2+ba, brkfst room opens out to garden \$769,000  
The GRUBB Company, Jean Simmons 339-0400

33 SOTELO, Almost M corner lot, 3bd/4+ba contemp, FDR, patio \$759,000  
Coldwell Banker, John Robinson 339-1174

12 ALTA AVE, Formal dining/gracious living, elegant kit, garden \$699,000  
The GRUBB Company, Mindy Scott 339-0400

25 TYSON CIRCLE, Lake front w/sunny pvt decking, 4+2/2, FDR \$684,500  
The GRUBB Company, Jeanette Koch 339-0400

20 WYNGAARD, Stylish and spacious 4bd/4ba, fireplace \$620,000  
Better Homes, M. J. McConville 287-9583

665 BLAIR AVE, Large 4bd/4ba, central Piedmont, rec rm, aupair \$567,000  
Coldwell Banker, Dian Hymer 339-1174

233 ST JAMES DR, Have it all quality/space/privacy, iv-in, 4bd \$549,000  
The GRUBB Company, Susanne Paul 339-0400

440 EL CERRITO, Med charmer, pristine condition, 4/2, eat-in kit \$539,000  
The GRUBB Company, Josephine O'Shaughnessy 339-0400

159 ST JAMES DR, 3bd/3ba, tree setting, lg family rm, 2 decks \$505,000  
Pacific Union, Sally Morrison 339-6460

1125 WARFIELD AV, Pristine craftsman, rumpus, FDR, nw kit, 4+2 \$499,000  
The GRUBB Company, John Karnay 339-0400

48 CREST RD, Lvl living in the trees, light/charm, hwdcs, 3 frpl, dk \$459,000  
The GRUBB Company, Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400

1696 GRAND AVE, Spacious rooms, 2bd/2ba, new landscaping \$359,000  
McDuffie 428-0900, Caroline Peters 547-1722

1050 HARVARD, Updated CA bungalow w/added 3rd bd, fresh paint \$339,000  
Coldwell Banker, Fritz Hochfeller 339-1174

2 CAVENDISH LN, Very private, 3bd/2+ba, family rm, grt loc./price \$275,000  
The GRUBB Company, Helen Buty 339-0400

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362 WILDROSE CIRCLE, Pinole 3bd/2+ba \$177,000  
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## Tax...

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accounting firms are accountants first and tax professionals second. They want to do accounting work for businesses rather than once-a-year individual tax returns.

The national tax outfits can be a hit-or-miss operation. They generally hire retired people, or students just for tax season. You may or may not find a competent tax preparer, and even if you do, that person may not be around after tax season, or in future years. Also, they generally try to get you in and out as quickly as possible and really don't deal with tax and financial strategies.

Then there's your uncle Harry. In order to save the tax preparation fees, you decide to let a friend or relative do your taxes. After all, he's a nice guy and hopefully he knows what he's doing. This is a mistake!

I'd rather you do it yourself than have it done by someone who may or may not understand what tax preparation is all about. Also, you may get into personality or social differences when you have a friend or relative know all about your tax and financial situation.

The best strategy to getting your taxes done properly is to either do it yourself or find a firm that specializes in tax preparation. A com-

pany that has been in business for a number of years, has the same tax preparers each year, and is around all year to answer questions and work with you on tax and financial strategies.

You need someone who doesn't just put down what you tell them to, but gives you advice and can tell you you are wrong! Everyone's tax situation is unique and must be treated that way.

If you decide to do it yourself and have a computer, you may want to try one of the tax computer software programs. Be careful about these.

Last year they seemed to have developed a "virus" and mistakes were made on certain tax returns. Remember that the computer program will crunch your numbers and fill out the tax forms.

It's up to you to feed it the correct information and make sure you take full advantage of all the tax deductions.

If you don't know what can be deducted, the computer program really can't help you. Once again, when it comes to your taxes you have to take the responsibility to make sure they've done right.

*Dennis Kamensky is a tax accountant in Oakland, with 21 years tax experience. He welcomes questions and "tax challenges." He can be reached at 530-6001.*

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**605 Home Furnishings**  
**15th ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL**  
Buy 2 or more custom mini-blinds this year and we will clean them free of charge next year. Call Marsh Interiors at 569-7540 for details.

**MATRESS** Sets, Twin, \$89. Full, \$109. Queen, \$159. Sofabed, \$299. Sofa with loveseat, \$399. Bunkbeds, \$228. Chest-bed, bedroom sets, roll-aways. Simmons, Sealy, Restonic. 444-1990.

**SOFA**, loveseat, matching chair. Three months old. From condo display. Cost \$1195 sell \$395. 886-8127.

**MAPLE** dresser with mirror 7'x34"x20" solid wood \$650 or best offer. 645-1935.

**DINING** room set/China cabinet, 3 living room tables/black leather/ smoke glass. Oak Entertainment center. Large wall mirror. 2 color TVs. All good condition. Mowbray 510-522-0735 after 6:30 p.m.

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**\$550** BERKELEY Hills. Hardwood floors, coin laundry, parking extra. Le Conte/ Euclid. #36113-B. Homefinders 549-6450.

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**\$525** LARGE studio, near Piedmont. Full kitchen, Carpet laundry. Convenient transportation. No pets. 428-4913.

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**\$595** Bay view, lower Rockridge, converted home. Backyard, pool, laundry, utilities included. CP/SELECT 339-1643.

**\$595** MONTECLAIR Studio. Private entrance, secluded, quiet, off-street parking, on Dublin Ave. Call Michelle 531-7005.

**\$675** MONTECLAIR in-law studio plus office. Clean, kitchenette, full bath, carpet. Woosy. Near transportation. 510-524-8005.

**725 1 BED. APT. RENTALS**  
Oakland & Piedmont

**\$410-\$545** STUDIO/1 bedroom. Large, clean, quiet, carpet, parking, secured. 441 West Piedmont. 763-2195.

**\$450**  
**Live in 1 Bedroom, Pay for Studio**  
41st St. (near Broadway). 1 bedroom with beautiful hardwood floors. Ground floor, end unit. Gas heat and stove. Close to shopping and transportation. Must See! Pets negotiable. 531-6969.

**\$465** IVY HILL, 1 bedroom apartment with hardwood floors. New throughout. Quiet street, pleasant, south-facing. Garden and patio area. 419-0449 or 893-1860.

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**\$475** RENOVATED 1920's building, quiet. Bathroom with full shower, walk-in closet, dishwasher, garbage disposal. Carpet. 1 block Lake Merritt, convenient to all. Parking available. 839-6978.

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**\$200 MOVE-IN BONUS**  
Walk to shops from this super convenient Dimond location. Above \$500. Bright upper unit in well-maintained smaller building. Laundry, off-street parking. Available now. Manager. 530-8339.

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**Live in 1 Bedroom Pay for a Studio**  
48th St. A 1 bedroom with small private deck and dining off kitchen. New carpet and paint. Quiet 7'x10'x10' back to Lake Merritt. Gas heat and stove. Walk-in closet. Corner unit. Call 531-6969.

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Quiet, spacious. Near Piedmont Avenue shopping, bus. 86 Linda Ave. 547-6630.

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**BEST ADAMS POINT LOCATION**  
Adams Point two blocks to Grand Ave., shopping and transportation. Spacious 1 bedroom. Enclosed courtyard, laundry, elevator. Parking and storage included. Available Call Ann at (510)834-6636.

**\$535** ONE bedroom, most utilities paid, carpet, blinds, microwave, parking, good location, near shopping, transportation and Dimond Park. 482-8106.

**\$545** LARGE Park Blvd. studio, full bathroom and kitchen, bonus space for small office. Quiet security building. Cats negotiable. 510-636-1680.

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**Oakland & Piedmont**  
**\$450**  
**CREAT LOCATION/ CAT OKAY**  
Hardwood floors, gas cooking, large eat-in kitchen, laundry, near shopping, Kaiser Center, Lakeside Park. Low deposit. Robert 444-8041.

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**\$450** MONTECLAIR studio, small,



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**750** Large 2 bedroom with newer kitchen, sunny patio, attractive, well-kept property. Pleasant neighbors. Call 510-836-1396.

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**1200 ALBANY** 2 bedroom, Dining, fireplace, yard, garage, deck, laundry, near parks, schools. (510)832-2560.

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**1300 ALBANY** 3 bedroom, 1 bath plus family room, stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer, 1500 security, 1430 Portland. For showing 222-2244.

**751 Berkeley**

**753 2 BED. HOME RENTALS Berkeley**

**850 TWO** bedroom. Hardwood floors, garage parking available. Telegraph/Clemont. (510)655-9725 or (510)595-7633.

**1200 NORTH Berkeley**, Fireplace, hardwoods, yard, laundry parking, pets okay. M.L.K. Vine. (510)836-1768. Homefinders 549-6450.

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**1500 OLD World Chem**, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, large living room, dining room, hardwood floors, large kitchen, deck, fireplace, single garage. 1735 Bancroft Way. 839-3100.

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**1295 SPACIOUS** 3 bedroom, redecorated, fireplace, quiet, clean. Open Saturday, Sunday 10-12. 388 Vernon.

**1300 INCLUDES** utilities. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, park-like setting, with pool. (510)633-1475.

**1300 OAKLAND hills**, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 fireplaces, immaculate hills home, large secluded patio/yard, big rooms. 415-665-3589.

**1300 THREE** bedroom, 2 bath large home with formal dining room, 2 car garage, yard, gated and landscaped. 534 52nd. Agent, no fee. Chuck 763-9901.

**1415 THREE** bedroom, 1 1/2 baths, woody country setting, enclosed 2 car garage, fireplace, decks. Monday-Friday, 9-5, 834-9815.

**1500 MONTCLAIR** 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, fireplace, carpet, garage/storage, patio, woody. No pets. 531-5224.

**1650 MONTCLAIR** 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, off cathedral ceiling, new paint, carpets, 2 decks, hot tub, spacious. 510-339-1055.

**1800 PIEDMONT** Victorian for lease, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, family room. No garage/dog. 601-0317.

**1850 EXTRAORDINARY** view most rooms, 3 baths, huge family room/au pair quarters, quiet street, breakfast look-out. CPS/SELECT 339-1643.

**2000 PIEDMONT**, panoramic view, hardwoods, walk to bus and schools, fireplace, den, 2 1/2 baths. 530-7822.

**2250 PIEDMONT** 3 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, living, dining, family room, washer/dryer, woody setting, 531-5210.

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ELCERRITO—Good teachers are always trying to help students understand the connection of their academic learning to their real lives. Students in Laura Peck's sixth-grade class at Fairmont School know exactly how they can use the percentages they've been learning about in a recent math unit—figuring out how much a dinner out will actually cost them, once tax and tip has been included.

A tasty lesson when you learn it at the Mandarin House of El Cerrito.

"We do this every year," said Peck. "I started out with a simulation; then one class wanted to try it in reality. It was really the students' idea."

Her students still think it's a great idea.

"We were doing taxes, and she wanted us to have some fun, not just read everything out of a book," said Ryan Delorosa.

"I think it showed how I can use what we learned in the real world," said Alejandra Perez. "You can't take a calculator to a restaurant."

Perez ordered the lemon chicken, steamed rice and a Coke

from the menu. It cost her \$7.25; at her table, everyone paid their own bill.

Delorosa, Steven Chong and Jacob Lucas all chipped in \$5 for the lunch specials they purchased. Peck likes to include instruction on restaurant etiquette right along with math calculations. She had told her students that adults sometimes split a bill equally without bothering to calculate each one's meal costs.

Each table of students decided

pend on tips to pay rent, feed their kids."

The class didn't have to go to the Mandarin House to ensure they'd get the point of their lessons.

"We had a restaurant simulation in the class," said Chong. "We broke into groups and ordered stuff. Then we figured out our own bill and tax; she also told us to figure out the tax on the subtotal."

"We had tablecloths and menus," said Delorosa. "The teacher wore

an apron and carried around check paper to take our orders. When she was done, we added up our prices and wrote out how we got the answers."

"I thought it

was fun."

Observers from state and federal agencies happened to be touring Fairmont during the simulation.

"They were impressed with what we were doing," said Peck. "They described Fairmont as having 'purposeful education.'"

Still, the kids preferred the walk up San Pablo Avenue to the Mandarin House (at Santa Cruz Avenue).

"I thought it was a really good restaurant; we really got our money's worth — big plates and good food," said Perez, who complimented her teacher on having such a "fun idea."

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Fairmont students took a trip to the Mandarin House for a lesson on figuring percentages.

The experience also made some surrounding lessons more meaningful.

"We did it in a Chinese restaurant rather than at McDonald's, because our teacher wanted us to have ethnic food, something a little different," said Lucas. "She wanted us to learn about math, but also about another culture and about the real world."

"She also wanted us to learn about manners, how to behave in a restaurant."

"Like not yelling across the room and saying, 'Excuse me,' when you want the waitress," added Perez.

Peck also discussed the disparity between men and women in the job

market, noting that more men have jobs as waiters in fancy restaurants, while low-paying restaurants tend to use waitresses.

Lucas learned another lesson — "most waitresses don't like kids who come in restaurants, because they don't tip," while Delorosa learned a secret practical tip from student teacher Surya Bolom (who finished her time with class last fall but returned for the lunch outing): "To find out how much to tip, just double the tax."

Teacher Margaret Stockwell of the school's Resource Specialist Program also accompanied the class for lunch.

Peck's math instruction includes

a variety of discussion and life implications.

This year, for example, 11 students have designed their own ads after talking about shop sales, learned about and compound bank interest, and discussed the flat tax as a dental campaign issue.

"I try hard to push it into the real world; it all came from our restaurant trip," said who praised the ownership of Mandarin House for their creation every year. "The kids got dressed up, and they were wonderful."

"I think they really enjoyed the whole setting for learning."

## Albany School District's pool wins national water fitness award

ALBANY — The United States Water Fitness Association recently named the water fitness program at Albany Unified School District as one of the Top 100 Water Fitness Programs in the Country for 1995 with an overall ranking of 12, and the Top Water Fitness Program in the School Water Fitness Category for 1995. It also ranked Top Pro-

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ing equipment.

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